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SUBJECT: CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD

KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

FILE: 62-28915

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VERNE MILLER
ADAM RICHETTI
KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 9, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm.

Mr. Murphy of the Single Fingerprint Section returned on Friday, January 4, 1935, from Kansas City, Missouri, where he attended the trial of Richard T. Galatas and others for conspiracy in connection with the Union Station Massacre of June 17, 1933. It had been intended by the prosecuting attorney that Mr. Murphy should present by means of fingerprint identifications evidence of the presence of Vernon C. Miller, Vivian Mathier and Adam Richetti at the house formerly occupied by Vernon C. Miller under the alias V. C. Moore at 6612 Edgevale Road, Kansas City, Missouri. During the course of the trial, however, the prosecution and defense attorneys stipulated the facts alleged in regard to the occupancy of the house. Mr. Murphy was, therefore, excused from further attendance on the court and allowed to return immediately to his official duties in Washington.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey
E. P. Coffey

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Date November 8, 1934

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Division of Investigation:

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
E. J. CONNELLEY, Special Agent in Charge 1934 P.M.
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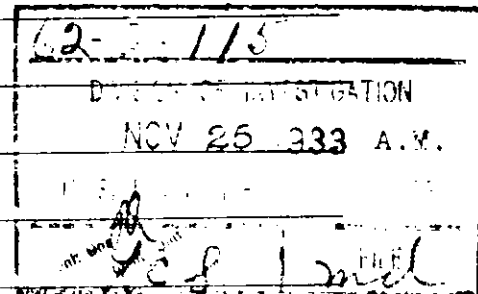
Date November 23, 1933

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which
fingerprints have been mailed to the United States Bureau of
Investigation:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
New York City PD # 51316	ALBERT SILVERMAN alias AL SILVERS alias AL LUBIN	Murdered; body found 11:45 AM, November 20, 1933 in woods near Somers, Connecticut.



Very truly yours,

T. F. CULLEN

Special Agent in Charge.
(Official Title)

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Detroit, Michigan
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Date December 1, 1934

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which
fingerprints have been mailed to the United States Bureau of
Investigation:

Division Jacket #99369:

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HEBER NASH, aliases: HEBE NASH,
HEBE ENGLE NASH, CAT NASH,
HARRY BROWN

Detroit, Mich. as Hebe Nash, arrested 10-10-21; Discharged.
P.D. #16978 charge: disorderly person

Detroit, Mich. as Hebe Nash, arrested 4-14-22; Discharged.
P.D. #16978 charge: disorderly person

Detroit, Mich. as Hebe Nash, arrested 4-17-22; 90 days, Detroit
P.D. #16978 charge: Violation State Drug Law. House of Correction

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Very truly yours,

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Wm. Larson,

(Official Title)

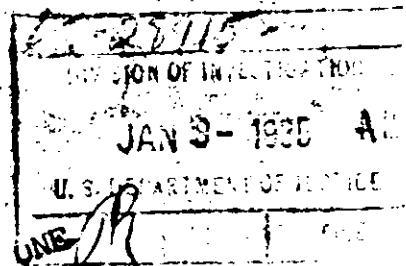
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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JANUARY 7, 1935.

E. J. Connelly
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 829
Chicago, Illinois.



Dear Sir:

IN RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with
aliases (DECEASED), ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

In response to a telephonic request from Special Agent
E. E. McKee, of the Chicago Office on January 6, 1935, Special
Agent H. E. Andersen contacted Assistant U. S. Probation Officer
H. D. Bray at Kansas City, Missouri in reference to the status
of Vivian Mathias.

Mr. Bray advised that under the terms of her probation,
Vivian Mathias is to remain at Brainerd, Minnesota with her
parents until she is able to make some other arrangements with
the Probation Officer covering her district. The probation office
here, according to Mr. Bray, is transmitting within a few days its
entire file on Vivian Mathias to Harry W. McKinnon, 318 Post
Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota. Henceforth Vivian Mathias
will be under jurisdiction of the said Probation Officer.

Mr. Bray was informed that the Chicago Office of the
Division might desire to have the terms of the probation of Vivian
Mathias broadened so that she may proceed to Chicago, as well as
other points in the Middle West. He stated that his office has
no objection to any arrangement the Division may make with the
Probation Officer of St. Paul. In the event the Probation Officer
at St. Paul should desire instructions from Kansas City, Mr. Bray
stated that he would be glad to furnish these instructions upon re-
ceipt of a request.

For your information, Vivian Mathias was sentenced to
one year and one day at Alderson, West Virginia, in the United
States District Court, Kansas City, Missouri on January 5, 1934,
but was released on probation for a period of three years. In

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addition she was fined \$500.00, which must be paid by September of this year.

Very truly yours,

R. E. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/11/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/10/35	REPORT MADE BY: C. E. SMITH
TITLE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with Aliases (Deceased), et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No information obtainable from American Express Company, N.Y.C., relative to cancelled checks under the names: George Sanders, Edward Brennan, Ed Brennan, Mrs. George Sanders, Byrl West, Juanita Baird, Mrs. Ed Brennan, Edith Brennan, Rose Brennan and Rose Baird. No information obtainable relative to money orders that may have been mailed to #8 - 18th St., Buffalo, N.Y.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. D. Cunningham, Buffalo, N.Y., dated December 29, 1934.

DETAILS:

Agent interviewed Mr. D. E. Richer, Inspector of American Express Company at Room 805, 65 Broadway, N.Y.C., and was advised by him that it would be impossible to trace any cancelled checks under the names of:

DETAILS:

George Sanders
Edward Brennan
Ed Brennan
Mrs. George Sanders
Byrl West
Juanita Baird
Mrs. Ed Brennan
Edith Brennan
Rose Brennan
Rose Baird

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. X. Tracy</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28715-347	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JAN 12 1935
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for the reason that all of their checks are filed numerically and not alphabetically, and more definite information would have to be supplied with reference to the cancelled checks in question, such as whether they were for a money order, a travelers order or an unlimited check order. Mr. Richer further stated that it might be ascertained whether their files contained any cancelled checks or information as to whether money orders had been mailed to #8 18th Street, Buffalo, N.Y., if the number of a money order or travelers check were supplied, or it was known from what agency the money order or travelers check originated.

Agent was further advised by Mr. Richer that they have approximately 50,000 to 60,000 money order checks, and approximately 75,000 travelers checks, and an unknown number of what is known as unlimited checks arriving every day, and for that reason a detailed search would be impractical.

In view of the fact that there is no further investigative work to be performed in this office relative to the instant case, this case is being

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January 9, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: THEODORE BENTZ, with aliases,
et al - MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK,
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA.
Bank Robbery.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above entitled case, your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears dated at Portland, Oregon, December 31, 1934 in the case entitled JOHN PAUL CHASE, with aliases, et al - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; MURDER OF INSPECTOR S. P. COWLEY AND SPECIAL AGENT H. E. HOLLIS. This report contains a detailed statement by Joseph Raymond Negri, from which it appears that the Dillinger gang was responsible for the above bank robbery.

This statement further indicates that possibly "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Adam Richetti were confederates of the Dillinger gang in the robbery at South Bend, Indiana. It is therefore suggested that in the event photographs of "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Adam Richetti have not been exhibited to witnesses of the bank robbery, that this be done.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 4, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

I have just been advised by the Kansas City Office of the Division that the Petit Jury has returned a verdict of guilty in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, against Richard Tallman Galatas, Elizabeth Galatas, Herbert Allen Farmer, Esther Farmer, Frank B. Mulloy and Louis "Doc" Stacci, on charges of conspiracy to deliver an escaped Federal prisoner, Frank Nash, which occurred June 17, 1933, at Kansas City, Missouri and resulted in the death of four peace officers, including Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey, of this Division. Vivian Mathis, another defendant named in the indictment, entered a plea of guilty on December 31, 1934. No action has been taken against Frances Nash, widow of Frank Nash, inasmuch as she testified for the Government during this trial. It has been indicated that sentences against the above named will be imposed tomorrow morning.

Respectfully,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Little Rock, Arkansas,
January 11, 1935.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd
with aliases (Deceased) et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Lieutenant J. Earl Scroggin of the Bureau of Identification, Police Department, Little Rock, Arkansas, who appeared as a witness in this case at Kansas City, Missouri, has requested photographs of the following defendants:

Herb Farmer ✓
Esther Farmer
Mrs. Vi Mathis
Louis Stacci ✓
Fritz Malloy
Mrs. Frank Nash
Mrs. Betty Galatas ✓

It is respectfully suggested that the Division transmit to Lieutenant Scroggin the photographs of the various individuals mentioned above.

Very truly yours,

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E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Department of Justice
P. O. DRAWER 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri.

January 12, 1935.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

In re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases
(Deceased), et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

In reply to Division letter of January 9, 1935,
addressed to Gus T. Jones, Special Agent in Charge, San
Antonio, Texas, regarding the above case, please be advised
that immediately after the conference in question I sub-
mitted a letter or memorandum for the information of the
Kansas City Division office and also indicated copies for
the U. S. Attorney at Kansas City and the Division.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli
R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 8, 1935

Mr. R. G. Harvey,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases (Deceased); ET AL;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

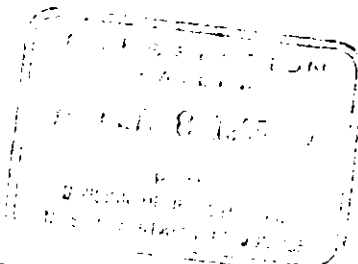
Under date of January 9, 1935 the Division addressed a letter to the Special Agent in Charge at San Antonio, Texas, a copy of which was furnished you, requesting that a memorandum be submitted covering any conversations had with members of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department relative to the massacre which occurred at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

The Division has not received your memorandum and, therefore, you are instructed to give this matter immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/10/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/28/34	REPORT MADE BY: R. N. Batterworth
TITLE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases (Deceased) ADAM RICHIETI			CHARACTER OF CASE: National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

45 Caliber automatic pistol recovered by Sheriff, Newoka, Okla. from stolen car abandoned by Subjects in June, 1933 now in possession of SO, Newoka, and shells and bullets fired from this pistol have been secured and were forwarded to the Division Laboratory for purpose of identification.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, Oklahoma City, 11/30/34.

DETAILS:

Agent interviewed Frank Aldridge, Sheriff, Seminole County, Oklahoma, who stated that in June, 1933, Subjects abandoned an automobile stolen at Mand, Oklahoma, and when this car was recovered by officers a Colt .45 caliber automatic pistol was found therein. Sheriff Aldridge stated that this pistol is in the possession of Undersheriff Ben Doyle at the Sheriff's Office, Newoka.

Undersheriff Doyle, Newoka, showed Agent the recovered pistol which on examination proved to be a Colt .45 automatic pistol, model 1911, U. S. Army, No. 431585, U. S. Property. Undersheriff Doyle stated that he had checked up this gun and found no record of it having been stolen from National Guard Armories in the State of Oklahoma.

Agent fired this pistol and secured four exploded shells and three bullets fired from this pistol. These shells and bullets are being forwarded to the Division Laboratory at Washington for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Colt automatic pistol had been used by Subjects. This automatic pistol is still in the

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
January 9, 1935.

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Mr. Laughman.....	
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, WITH ALIASES, DECEASED; ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

I am transmitting herewith a copy of an excerpt from the charge delivered by Judge Merrill E. Otis when submitting the facts in the recent conspiracy trial to the jury. It is noted that in this portion of his charge, Judge Otis was very commendatory of the Division and its Agents, and I thought that you would be interested in having a copy of his remarks in this regard. I am also attaching one copy of this excerpt to the copies of this letter being forwarded to the St. Louis and New York offices and to Mr. Connelley at Chicago.

You are advised that the testimony of the Division Agent to which Judge Otis referred was that of Special Agent L. G. Turrou in connection with statements made to him by Mrs. Esther Farmer. These copies were furnished me by the Court Stenographer at my request.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Please write Judge Otis
& thank him. Send copies
to A.G. & Stanley.*

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Mr. Connelley, Chicago.
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possession of Undersheriff Ben Doyle at Newoka, Oklahoma, who stated that if it is needed for identification purposes he will deliver the pistol to the Oklahoma City Office.

Two copies of this report are being forwarded to Mr. E. J. Connelley, P. O. Box 829, Chicago, Illinois, for use in his investigation of the case entitled:

CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with
aliases (Deceased); ET AL; Conspiracy
to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE will conduct appropriate investigation through the Ordnance Division of the War Department in an effort to determine whether there is any record of .45 Colt automatic pistol, model 1911, U. S. Army No. 431585 having been stolen.

P E N D I N G

- I make only one comment concerning the credibility of any part of the testimony in this case. That comment is not binding upon you because you are the sole judges of the credibility of the witnesses. Almost never do I make a comment upon the credibility of any witness unless I believe that some honest witness, who has tried to tell the truth, has unjustly been impugned, not by the attorneys necessarily, but perhaps by other witnesses, and then, whether he is high or low, illiterate or intelligent, black or white, I feel that I ought to say a word in his behalf. It is not binding upon the jury.

One of the witnesses who testified in this case, an agent of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, testified that certain statements were made to him by certain of the defendants. He testified that they were voluntarily made, that he did not oppress the defendants, that he did not abuse them, that he did not coerce them. I think he told the truth. You may not. Each of us judges the credibility of a witness from our experience and observation in life, and I do that. In many ways the experience of each of you has been greater than mine, but for ten years in this court I have heard witnesses testify, thousands of witnesses, and long before that. Everything that was in the testimony of this witness, in his manner, in his demeanor on the witness stand in this trial convinced me,--it may not have convinced you, -- that he was a worthy member of that Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice which,

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as all American citizens know, is made up of a group of young men, most of them young men, led by a gentleman referred to in the testimony, Mr. Edgar Hoover, a young man, known not only for their high intelligence, for their moral and physical courage, for their devotion to duty which too often has required them to lay down their lives, but also for their fairness and integrity. I think that witness upon that matter told you the truth. You may think otherwise, and you are not bound at all by what I say in that regard.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM STANLEY,
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

I thought you might be interested in the attached copy of an excerpt from the charge delivered by Federal Judge Merrill E. Otis recently at Kansas City, Missouri, in connection with the trial of a number of persons in connection with the Kansas City Massacre, at which time, as you will recall, a Special Agent of this Division lost his life. I thought you would be interested in noting Judge Otis' comments concerning the type of individuals employed in the Division of Investigation.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

I thought you might be interested in the attached copy of an excerpt from the charge delivered by Federal Judge Merrill E. Otis recently at Kansas City, Missouri, in connection with the trial of a number of persons in connection with the Kansas City Massacre, at which time, as you will recall, a Special Agent of this Division lost his life. I thought you would be interested in noting Judge Otis' comments concerning the type of individuals employed in the Division of Investigation.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Hon. Merrill E. Otis,
Federal Judge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

My dear Judge Otis:-

My attention has been called to a portion of the charge delivered by you to the jury in connection with the recent conspiracy trial in the case involving Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner at Kansas City, Missouri.

I have read your statement with much interest and am deeply gratified to learn of your views concerning representatives of this Division. I do not know of any commendatory statement relative to the character and ability of employees of this Division which has given me such pleasure.

Please accept my sincere expressions of appreciation for your comments in this connection.

With expressions of my high esteem and best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoover

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 3, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan.....
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Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....

Upon being advised that Mr. Fisher of the Criminal Division had requested the Division files in the Kansas City Massacre and Dillinger cases, I called Mr. Fisher and advised him that both of these files contained thousands of serials and it was almost physically impossible to comply with his request for these files. I asked Mr. Fisher what phases of these investigations he was interested in and he stated that Mr. Keenan had requested information concerning the evidence available against Adam Richetti in the Kansas City Massacre Case, and similar information concerning the evidence and facts available against Attorney Piquett in the Dillinger case. I advised Mr. Fisher that we would have an examination made of our files and attempt to locate a summary report or investigative report containing all of the basic facts in these cases with reference to these particular defendants, which reports would be submitted to him.

Respectfully,


E. A. Tamm

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use at K.C. & Chicago.
We can't do this. If they
want it, let them call on
U.S. Atty first.*

J. E. N.

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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.**

St. Louis FILE NO. 62-872

REPORT MADE AT: St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-14-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-8-35	REPORT MADE BY: D. S. HOSTETTER
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased), et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Colt .45 caliber automatic pistol, #18001, received by Rock Island Arsenal on 5-2-34 from Iowa National Guard, Marshalltown, Iowa, and has been retained in the possession of the Rock Island Arsenal since that date.

R. U. C.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent Edward Scheidt, Washington Field, dated 12-21-34.

DETAILS:AT ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS:

Lieutenant Colonel A. G. Gillespie, Commanding Officer, Rock Island Arsenal, advised that a complete record covering at least the last eight years was available; that if a Colt .45 automatic pistol, #18001, had been received, it would so indicate, and that in the event this gun was now in the possession of the arsenal, it would be produced for examination.

The Rock Island Arsenal records, as produced, reflected that Colt .45 automatic pistol, #18001, was received on May 2, 1934 for repairs from the Iowa National Guard at Marshalltown, Iowa. This pistol was produced and an examination verified the records.

DETAILS:

A discussion with Lieutenant Colonel A. G. Gillespie, Lieutenant Colonel W. A. Capron, Officer C. A. Stelting, and Officer C. L. Nye, all of whom are apparently authorities concerning the numbers and the records pertaining to Army .45 automatic pistols, reflected that in their opinion no two Army .45 Automatic pistols were given the same number; however, in a great many instances, a Colt .45 automatic pistol (for example #19000) would be received at the Rock Island Arsenal for repairs, and would be later released as

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>B. E. Dittler</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-24715-3485	RECORDED AND INDEXED JAN 18 1935
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a Remington .45 automatic pistol, #19000. In other words, the old part containing the makers name was marked Colt, the new part was marked Remington, but the gun still remained an Army .45 automatic pistol, #19000.

These Officers further advised that all .45 automatic pistols not received by the Army contained a C directly preceeding the number; that this C denoted commercial.

The above statement is apparently in conflict with information appearing in report of reference indicating that .45 automatic pistol C-84197 was delivered to the U. S. Marine Corps.

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62-28915-3485

January 15, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

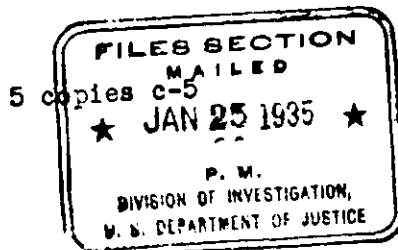
Reference is made to the report of Agent D. S. Hostetter of January 14, 1935 relating the findings in connection with the tracing of a .45 Colt automatic pistol #18001 concerning the case entitled Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases (Deceased); et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

The .45 Colt automatic pistol #18001, which is now in the possession of the Division, has been re-examined and there is no indication of this number having been changed or tampered with in any way. Agent Hostetter reported that the pistol containing the same number in possession of the Rock Island Arsenal was produced for examination. It is suggested that this number be again verified and also checked with secret numbers sometimes found on other parts of the gun. An effort should also be made at the arsenal to determine the possibility of a duplication of this number on two weapons of the same type.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Kansas City
cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago
cc-Camha
cc-Washington Field



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JANUARY 14, 1935.

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated January 10, 1935 enclosing a communication from Special Agent S. K. McKee relative to an interview had by him with Vivian Mathis at Kansas City on January 3, 1935. Reference is also made to letter from this office dated January 10, 1935 relating to the same matter, with which were transmitted copies of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent M. O. Scott.

I am transmitting herewith to the Division and to Mr. Connelly and the St. Paul Office copies of a personal and confidential memorandum submitted by Special Agent W. F. Trainor relative to inquiries which he has made at the Pickwick Hotel. From the information obtained it will be seen that the incident referred to in Agent Scott's memorandum involving charge for a \$500.00 bill on December 28, 1934 apparently has no significance in this matter. The alleged meeting referred to by Vivian Mathis in her conversation with Agent McKee occurred, according to Agent McKee's letter on December 29, 1934.

It is noted that Mrs. Brown, the cashier at the Pickwick Hotel, did not see Mr. Milligan in the suite of rooms in question at the time she was there. On the afternoon of December 28, 1934 Mr. Milligan called at this office at, to the best of my recollection, about 2 P.M. He remained in company with some of the Agents of this office during the remainder of that afternoon and evening. On that date there was under consideration the possibility of accepting from the defendant Fritz Mulloy a plea of nolle contendere, and Mr. Milligan attended a conference in this regard at the apartment of Sheriff Thomas E. Bash where there were present Sheriff Bash, Special Agent in Charge Vetterli, Special Agents Andersen and Trainor, the writer, Mulloy and his friend June Mathys. Mr. Vetterli and the writer left Sheriff Bash's apartment about 5 o'clock and Mr. Milligan was in the company of Agents Andersen

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and Trainor until about 9:30 that evening, at which time he retired to his apartment at the Pickwick Hotel where Mrs. Milligan and their son and daughter were awaiting him.

As stated in my letter of January 10, 1935 Mr. Milligan was at his office on the afternoon of December 29, 1934, at which time he did not appear to have been drinking. My understanding is that Mr. Milligan proceeded from Kansas City on the evening of December 29, 1934 to his home at Richmond, Missouri, accompanied by members of his family, it being recalled that Mr. Milligan's daughter contemplated being married on or about January 4, 1935, and that there were certain necessary arrangements to be made for the wedding at Richmond.

It is noted that one of the telephone calls made from the suite of rooms at the Pickwick Hotel, previously mentioned, was to Mr. Milligan at Richmond on January 5, 1935 from Mr. Ayres. It is known that Mr. Milligan proceeded from Kansas City to Richmond on the night of January 3, 1934 and I talked to him by telephone on the morning of January 4, 1935 at Richmond. Mr. Ayres, who is a florist in Kansas City, is known to this office to have been an active supporter of former Congressman J. L. Milligan in the race which he made for nomination to the United States Senate during the Summer of 1934. My information is further to the effect that Pat Noonan was likewise an active supporter of Mr. Milligan's brother.

With reference to attorneys Cannon and Reynolds, mentioned in the memorandum of Agent Trainor, it is noted that Cannon was one of the attorneys representing Mr. and Mrs. Galatas at the recent trial, and that Reynolds was one of the attorneys representing defendant Stacci. So far as the information of this office goes both Messrs. Cannon and Reynolds are reputable members of the Kansas City Bar and Mr. Cannon is supposed to be friendly to the faction of the Democratic Party with which Mr. Milligan and his brother are allied.

With reference to the instructions contained in the Division letter of January 10, 1935, that this office discreetly ascertain all facts in connection with the meeting which Vivian Mathis alleged was held in the Pickwick Hotel, including the identity of all persons present at the conference, the Division is advised that it appears there is no way in which this information can be discreetly obtained here. It would seem necessary to approach some person in attendance at the conference in order to obtain this information. It would not seem wise to make a direct approach to either Stacci or Galatas in this regard and these are the only persons definitely named as having been at the conference, with the exception of Mr. Milligan. I con-

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sequently hesitate to take this action, particularly in view of possible embarrassment with Mr. Milligan in the event it should be determined that the statements made by Vivian Mathis are not correct. If the alleged meeting took place in the apartment at the Pickwick which has been mentioned, on December 29, 1964, it would seem that Mr. Milligan might have been present without there being anything improper in his actions.

It is noted that the information furnished by Vivian Mathis concerning telephone calls from Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Washington, D.C. is susceptible of checking from records. In the event the inquiry being made by the St. Paul Office should not verify her assertions in this regard it would indicate to me that there is a possibility that her statements in regard to the other matters are not accurate. It is thought that the Division might desire to await a report from the St. Paul Office in this respect prior to any further inquiries at Kansas City.

It is further noted that in her interview Vivian Mathis definitely advised Agent McKee as to the alleged connections of the persons present at the Pickwick Hotel but did not give any names except those of Galatas and Stacci. It would seem that she would probably be in possession of more definite information, particularly as to the names of the attorneys in attendance inasmuch as she was present during at least a portion of the trial and saw the attorneys before the Court.

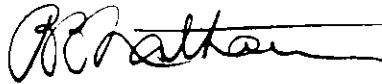
I might call the attention of the Division to the fact that from my observation and that of the other Agents of this office present during the trial of this case, it appeared that Mr. Milligan was vigorous in his efforts to obtain convictions of all the defendants on trial and there was nothing to indicate any desire on his part to favor any defendant. It is observed that prior to the submission of the case to the jury two counts of the indictment were dismissed on motion of the United States Attorney. However, during the discussion of this trial, over a period of several weeks prior to the date of the trial, both Mr. Milligan and his assistant, Mr. Randall Wilson, stated that they did not expect that a sentence would be imposed on more than one count of the indictment inasmuch as Judge Otis had expressed his views on similar cases in previous trials. It is also my information that the dismissal of two counts of the indictment was in harmony with the apparent wish of Judge Otis.

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I will greatly appreciate the advice of the Division as to further action desired in this matter.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

REM:os

cc - Mr. Connelly (Personal and Confidential)
cc - St. Paul (Personal and confidential)

Kansas City, Missouri
January 14, 1935.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE R. B. NATHAN:

Reference is made to Division letter to this office dated January 10, 1935 and to your letter to the Division of the same date, all under personal and confidential cover, referring to certain allegations on the part of Vivian Mathis and other individuals implying the possibility of a bribe having been offered to some Federal official in connection with the trial of the Kansas City Massacre case. It is noted that Vivian Mathis alleged that United States Attorney Maurice M. Milligan, of Kansas City, Missouri, was in a room at the Pickwick Hotel, accompanied by various other individuals, on December 29, 1934, and that she believed two of those parties were "fixers", two of them local police officers, two of them attorneys for the various defendants in the case in question and that there were other parties. It is noted that she did not mention the names of any of these parties except Louis Stacci, Richard Tallman Galatas, both defendants, whom she stated were present, and United States Attorney Milligan.

Pursuant to your instructions, I had a conversation with Mrs. Brown, the Cashier, at the Pickwick Hotel, with whom I am personally acquainted. I endeavored to secure from her all pertinent information regarding the matter discussed in the memorandum of Special Agent N. O. Scott, copies of which you transmitted to the Division with your letter of January 10, 1935.

It may be noted that in the letter of Special Agent S.K. McKee, copies of which were transmitted to this office with Division letter of January 10, 1935, it is stated, on page 3, that Agent McKee had received information from Special Agent in Charge Nathan relating to an alleged passing of a \$500.00 bribe on the afternoon of December 29, 1934 at the Pickwick Hotel. However, Agent Scott's memorandum does not show that the conversation between Mrs. Brown and him occurred on December 29th and the date is not therein shown. However, the notes of Miss Carr, the stenographer who wrote Agent Scott's memorandum, disclose that he dictated it on December 28, 1934. This is noted in view of the fact that Mrs. Brown has stated to me that the incident which she mentioned to Agent Scott took place on December 28th and not on December 29th, which was the occasion mentioned in Agent McKee's letter when Vivian Mathis alleges she saw United States Attorney Milligan in the room of certain parties at the Pickwick Hotel.

Mrs. Brown advised me that a suite of rooms, three in number, which are rooms numbers 809, 810 and 811, was occupied from December 26, 1934 to January 6, 1935 by Mr. Pat Noonan, who is a

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regular patron of the hotel, a political worker and friend of Senator Bennett Clark and former Congressman Milligan. She stated that during the period in question Bryson Ayres, a florist at Kansas City, and various lawyers, including Messrs. Cannon and Reynolds (who were of the defense counsel in the massacre case) frequented the suite. She stated also that a man referred to by the other individuals as "Duke", whose name is Maxie Duco, and who is Sales Agent for Prima beer at Kansas City, frequented the suite. She advised that during the entire period when the suite was occupied there were numerous men there, and that very often one man or another from the room would come to the desk and request some service or another, such as cases of beer, for the suite.

She advised that on December 28, 1934, as the records show, the room rent was paid and that she believes Bryson Ayres or Mr. Noonan, she is not sure which, brought to the desk a \$500.00 bill with which the rental of the suite was paid, and that the change was to be brought to the room as soon as it could be secured since there was not available cash on hand to change the bill. She stated that she sent the change with a bellboy. She is positive that this was in the afternoon of December 28, 1934. She stated that shortly after the money had been sent up she received a telephone call from the room from some of the occupants, who stated there had been a shortage of \$20.00 in the change remitted, and that she went to the room personally and talked with Bryson Ayres and Pat Noonan, at which time Ayres told her that the change had been complete when it had arrived there but that \$20.00 had apparently been misplaced. She noticed that the money was all lying on a bed as though it had been counted over several times. She informed Mr. Ayres and Mr. Noonan that there could be no shortage in the money and thereupon she left, and in a few minutes received a further telephone call from the room stating that the additional \$20.00 had been discovered lying on the floor near the bed. On the occasion in question Mrs. Brown stated that she saw Mr. Noonan, she believes Mr. Ayres, Mr. Reynolds, Attorney and Mr. Cannon, Attorney. She is certain that there was no one else whom she knew at the suite on that occasion. She stated that shortly after the incident above mentioned, on the same day, December 28, 1934, Bryson Ayres came from the room to the cashier's desk and left some \$360.00 for deposit with the cashier, saying that it was a part of the change from the \$500.00 bill. She stated also that on other occasions Ayres or Noonan had come to the desk with sums of money and had placed same on deposit, but that credit was not placed on the records for the suite inasmuch as she merely placed the money itself in the safety deposit vault since she knew that on short notice some of the parties from the suite might be later calling for it and she did not desire to run short from her regular cash. For this reason she advised that no permanent records of the hotel were made since she would merely give a receipt for the money when it was deposited and when it was given back the temporary record would be destroyed.

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Mrs. Brown stated also that on December 29, 1934, which was the day following the above incident, Mr. Steed, the manager of the hotel, had occasion to go to the suite of rooms in question. Mr. Steed having been present he was requested to advise whom he saw in the suite on the occasion of his visit. He stated that he saw Mr. Noonan, Mr. Ayres and several people whom he did not know and whose names he does not recall. He advised that there were none of the other guests at the hotel in the suite of Mr. Noonan at that time and that he merely went there on invitation from Mr. Noonan. It appears that he went to the room for the purpose of having a social drink and from the account given by Mr. Steed the suite of Mr. Noonan was being used as a rendezvous for a holiday party over New Years. It was stated by Mr. Steed that Pat Noonan is a frequent patron of the hotel and that on each occasion when he comes he occupies a suite of rooms similar to the one occupied on this occasion. Incidentally, Mr. Noonan is now again registered at the hotel in a similar manner. It is stated by Mr. Steed that the regular rate on suite comprising rooms 809, 810 and 811 is \$9.00 per day, but that a reduction is customarily made to Mr. Noonan costing him \$6.00 per day, which was the rate enjoyed from December 26, 1934 to January 6, 1935.

The long distance call records of the hotel pertaining to the suite of Mr. Noonan were produced and the details noted by Agent, which are as follows:

Dr. Bower called Springfield, Missouri, phone number 7149, December 27, 1934, 3:15 P.M.

Mr. Noonan called St. Louis, Missouri, phone number Wydown 0817, calling Hamp Rothwell December 27, 1934 at 4:05 P.M.

Suburban call to Independence, Missouri, phone number 1459, December 27, 1934, 8:25 P.M.

Mr. Stacci, C.K.'d by Mr. Noonan, calling Oak Park, Illinois, phone number Village 6139, December 27, 1934, at 7:15 P.M.

Suburban call to Independence, Missouri, phone number 1459, December 28, 1934, 6:30 P.M.

Suburban call to Independence, Missouri, number 1360, December 28, 1934, 7 P.M.

Call by Mr. Stacci, O.K.'d by Mr. Noonan, calling Berwyn, Illinois, phone number 5248, December 28, 1934, 4:10 P.M.

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Call by Mr. Ayres to Sedalia, Missouri, phone #1771,
calling Pete O'Brien, December 29, 1934, 3:22 P.M.

Call by Mr. Ayres, calling Sedalia, Mo.; phone number
1771, December 29, 1934, 4:15 P.M.

Call by Pat Noonan, to Sedalia, Missouri, calling Pete
O'Brien, December 30, 1934, 10:10 P.M.

Call by Mr. Houston, O.K.'d by Mr. Noonan, calling Maplewood,
Missouri, phone number Hiland 6086, December 30, 1934, 10:55 P.M.

Call by Mr. Noonan to Clayton, Missouri, phone number Forest
7431, calling Hamp Rothwell, December 30, 1934 11:10 P.M.

Suburban call to Independence, Missouri, phone number 1459
December 30, 1934, 9:50 P.M.

Call by Mr. Noonan to Sedalia, Missouri, Mr. Pete O'Brien,
December 30, 1934, 4:14 P.M.

Call by Mr. Noonan to Clayton, Missouri, telephone number
Hiland 6086, Miss Daly, December 31, 1934, 12:15 A.M.

Suburban call to Independence, Missouri, telephone number
1459, January 3, 1935, 9:25 P.M.

Suburban call to Independence, Missouri, telephone number
1459, January 3, 1935.

Call by Mr. Noonan to Warrensburg, Missouri, calling Dr.
H.F. Parker, phone number 60, January 3, 1935, 9 P.M.

Call by Mr. Noonan to Warrensburg, Missouri, phone number
60, to Dr. Harry Parker, January 3, 1935.

Suburban call to Independence, Missouri, phone number 1459,
January 4, 1935, 9:30 P.M.

Call by Mr. Ayres to Richmond, Missouri, calling M. M.
Milligan, phone number 356, January 5, 1935.

Call by Mr. Noonan to Richmond, Missouri, calling Cliff Brady,
January 5, 1935, 9:55 P.M.

Call by Mr. Noonan to Warrensburg, Missouri, phone number 60,
January 5, 1935, 7:50 P.M.

Mrs. Brown was requested to advise definitely as to anything

which she might have heard in the form of a rumor that there had been a bribe offered to anyone in connection with the Kansas City L'assacre case or any other case. She stated that she had heard no such rumor and that in a jocular manner she had remarked to Agent Scott that things didn't look so good and that there would probably be "hell to pay" in Kansas City if Doc Stacci and others who were guests at the hotel were convicted. She stated, however, that she did not in any way wish to infer any discredit on any officials and that she had heard nothing to indicate a suspicion of such.

Both Mr. Steed and Mrs. Brown, at the Pickwick Hotel, were carefully cautioned not to divulge in any manner the fact of the above inquiry and they both promised faithfully that this wish would be respected.

Respectfully submitted:

W. F. TRAINOR
SPECIAL AGENT

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
January 14, 1935.

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Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

photographs

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:-

There are attached hereto two photographs of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd which were left with me a few days ago by Mr. Howard G. Robinson of the Ohio Bureau of Identification.

Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson.

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Division of Investigation

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January 11, 1935

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave at 9th St. N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases
(deceased); ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter to the Division from the Kansas City office dated December 15, 1934, a copy of which was furnished this office with the request that a check be made through the auto registration agencies of the State of California in an effort to locate a 1933 model Chevrolet Sedan bearing Motor No. 3505199, serial No. 17074, model 1A302, which car had originally been purchased by Mr. Vivian Page on March 22, 1933, and which car, the letter noted, bore 1933 Missouri license No. 482-329, and was apparently the car connected with the Kansas City Massacre at Kansas City, Missouri.

Please be advised that this office has made a check through the files of the Automobile Theft Bureau, 228 Pine Street, San Francisco, as well as through the files of the California State Division of Motor Vehicles at Sacramento, California. No information with reference to the above noted car has been obtained.

Request has been made at both agencies that a stop be placed against information or registration concerning the above mentioned car, and in the event either agency receives any information or an attempt to register same, this office be immediately notified by telephone.

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Very truly yours,

E. P. Guinane
E. P. GUINANE
Special Agent in Charge

JAN 17 1935

cc Kansas City
cc E. J. Connelley

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report
January 16, 1935

Case: Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd with
aliases (Deceased); et al; Conspiracy to
Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Number: 62-28915-3443

Specimens: Four exploded cartridge cases fired from Colt Automatic .45 calibre,
1911 Model, #431585 (two F A 28, one Western 45 Auto. and one
P C Co 18.).
Three bullets fired from the above listed revolver.

Examination requested by: Oklahoma City Division Office

Date received: January 8, 1935

Examination requested: Ballistic

Result of examination:

Examination by: Parsons

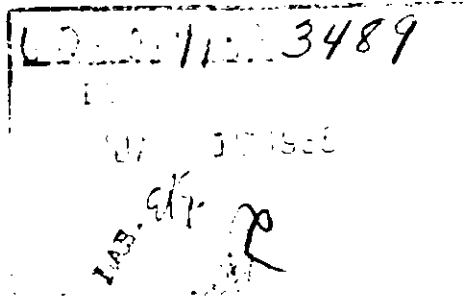
These bullets and shells have been compared with all specimens of the
same type contained in the Laboratory File but none similar found.

These test specimens are being retained appropriately indexed for
possible future comparison.

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2-Oklahoma City
1-Kansas City
1-Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago
2-Laboratory

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January 16, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy"
Floyd with aliases (Deceased);
et al; Conspiracy to Deliver
Federal Prisoner.

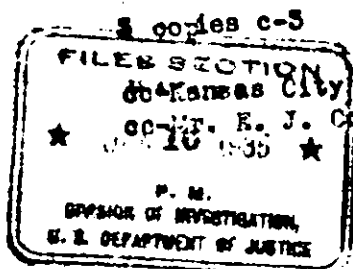
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division January 8, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: 4806367



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

January 12, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

There have been no developments in connection with the Kansas City Massacre case during the past week. No date has as yet been set for the trial of Adam Richetti.

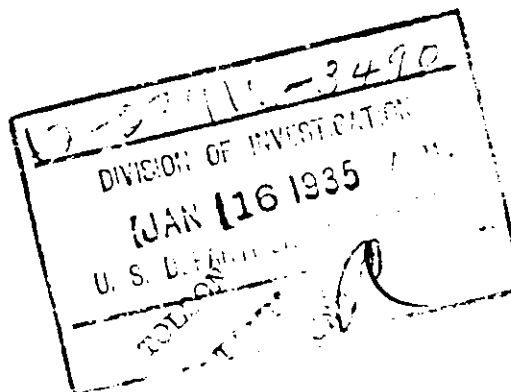
The perjury trials of Eugene C. Reppert and Thomas J. Higgins will not be set until January 28, 1935. Federal Judge Otis is presently considering a motion to quash the perjury indictment pending against George Rayen inasmuch as the statements alleged to have been made by Rayen were to remote from the subject matter which is being considered by the Federal Grand Jury at Kansas City, Missouri.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report
January 15, 1935

Case: Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd with
aliases (Deceased); et al; Conspiracy to
Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Number: 62-28915

Specimens: One 7.63 MM Mauser No. 82378

Examination requested by: Oklahoma City Division Office

Date received: November 23, 1934

Examination requested: Ballistic

Result of examination:

Examination by: Parsons

Supplementing previous report on this gun.

Tests have been made to determine whether or not it functioned as a full automatic or machine gun. It has been noted that the sear and hammer notch have apparently been filed in an attempt to make it a full automatic. It does not, however, function as such.

It should be noted that this gun is in very poor condition and caution should be exercised in handling it.

As previously requested, this gun is being returned to the Oklahoma City Office under separate cover.

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2-Oklahoma City
2-Laboratory
1-Kansas City
1-Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago

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January 16, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd
with aliases (Deceased); et al;
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

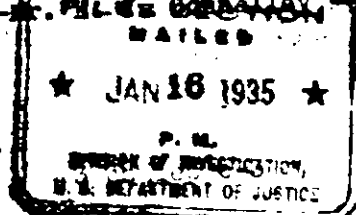
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in
the Division November 23, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc-Kansas City
cc-Mr. Phil C. Thompson, Chicago



Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
January 15, 1935.

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Cleon A. Summers,
United States Attorney,
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

RE: GEORGE WASHINGTON HASH, SR.,
ET AL: Harboring and Concealing
a person for whom a warrant of
arrest has been issued - Con-
spiracy.

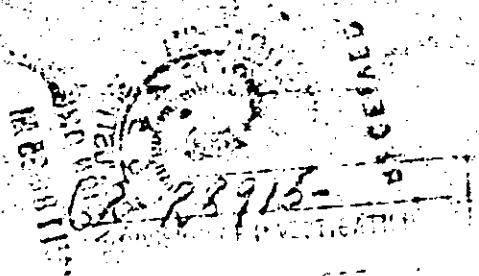
Dear Sir:

I shall appreciate being advised whether you have
yet arrived at a decision whether to prosecute in the above
matter and when such prosecutive action will be instituted.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division



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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
JANUARY 15, 1935.

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases
(Deceased), ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to letter from this office dated January 11, 1935 concerning information furnished to this office by the office of the United States Attorney regarding the identification of specimen shell case from one of the guns recovered from Floyd with shell cases recovered at the scene of the massacre by Merle A. Gill.

United States Attorney Milligan advised me today that it is his wish that the guns recovered from Floyd be made available to his office in order that they may be turned over to Gill for appropriate test shots and further comparison. It is his desire to use Gill as a witness in the event Richetti is tried in Federal Court, or to refer this phase of the evidence to the County Prosecutor in the event Richetti is tried on a charge of murder in State Court. He informs me that he expects to communicate with the Department for authority to employ Gill in this regard.

It is noted from the Division's Laboratory Report dated October 30, 1934, in this case that one of the pistols recovered from Floyd bore number 18001, and that the other pistol had a defaced serial number, which, upon restoration, apparently proved to be C-84197. The Laboratory Report further shows that this latter gun had been converted in its method of operation so that it functioned in the same manner as a machine gun. It appears that it is this gun which has been identified by specimen shell by Gill.

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From the Division's letter of November 24, 1934, to this office, referring to the request of the Missouri State Highway Patrol for further test shells, it is noted that it had been found desirable to destroy the working mechanism of one of the guns recovered from Floyd after a number of test specimens were prepared. It is not clear which of the two guns was so destroyed.

In the event the gun in which the working mechanism has been destroyed is the gun from which the test shell was fired and subsequently identified by Gill in connection with this case, it would appear that, in order to comply with the wishes of the United States Attorney, it would be desirable to forward further test shells made prior to the destruction of the working mechanism. The United States Attorney has not been informed that this gun is not in the same condition as when recovered from Floyd.

In accordance with Division instructions this office has not had any dealings or conversations with Mr. Gill concerning this matter. The United States Attorney indicated, during the conference had with him today, that in the event the guns are forwarded in accordance with his request he would desire that any tests and comparisons made by Gill be made in the presence of Division Agents. He has further indicated that he believes it would be desirable to have Gill endeavor to determine the serial number of the machine gun recovered from Richetti, Gill having indicated to him that he could obtain this number. The United States Attorney seems to entertain the suspicion that if traced it might be shown that this machine gun was at one time in the possession of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department. I do not think that this is likely but merely give it to the Division as Mr. Milligan's thought.

By reference to the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated March 29, 1934, it will be seen that the shell case fired from a .45 automatic pistol is designated as Exhibit 3 and is mentioned on page six of the report. It is noted that only one such shell case was recovered and that no bullet from a .45 caliber pistol was recovered which could be identified, as Exhibit J, shown in that report, had been so worn before its recovery that the markings were not sufficiently distinct. It will, accordingly, be seen that the markings which may have been made from the barrels of the guns are not material, the material marks being those which would be made by the bolt mechanism and firing pin.

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In this situation I will be pleased if the Division will inform me as to its wishes. Mr. Milligan is quite interested in this phase of the evidence and desires it developed to the fullest. In the event the evidence in this case is disclosed by Mr. Milligan to the County Prosecutor, it is quite likely that he would desire to inform the press concerning the ballistic identification in order to obviate the possibility that the County Prosecutor might disclose this evidence at a later date as having been developed by him. I do not believe, however, that any disclosures would be made by Mr. Milligan until he is definitely convinced that the identification of Gill is accurate and available as testimony.

In advising me as to the Division's wishes I will appreciate further advice as to whether I should advise Mr. Milligan of the fact that the Division's experts do not consider Mr. Gill's identification in this matter accurate.

An early reply containing the Division's instructions in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

REM:cs
cc - Mr. Connelly
Chicago, Illinois.

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January 18, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letters of January 11 and January 15, 1935, in connection with the ballistics evidence with regard to the case entitled Charles Arthur Floyd with aliases (Deceased), et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

You are advised that the gun bearing the number G-34197 has not been put out of service and is available if necessary for use as evidence in the prosecution of the case. You are confidentially advised, however, that certain novel conversions were made on this gun while in the possession of Floyd and the Division is reluctant to make public the method of conversion unless absolutely necessary to the trial of the case. In other words the gun would not be forwarded merely for examination by Merle A. Gill, but will be forwarded if the U. S. Attorney is of the opinion it is necessary evidence.

With regard to the identification of shells from this gun with a shell found at the scene of the Plaza murder reported by Merle A. Gill, you are advised that the Division Laboratory has been unable to concur with the findings of Mr. Gill on the basis of the photographs submitted. It is suggested the U. S. Attorney may care to request that the original shell, found at the scene of the Plaza murder and reported by Gill to have been identified, be submitted to the Division to determine if the Division Laboratory can, from the original evidence, confirm the findings of the expert Gill. In this respect the Division Laboratory would have the further advantage of having available the bolt on the gun itself for comparison with the alleged markings on the shell. Should the findings of the Laboratory be in accord with those of Gill the services of a Laboratory expert might be desired by the U. S. Attorney to corroborate the testimony of Gill regarding the identification. Should the experts of the Laboratory be unable to confirm the findings of Gill the information would undoubtedly be of value to the U. S. Attorney in planning his prosecution.

With regard to the machine gun recovered from Richetti, upon which the serial number had been obliterated and which Mr. Gill advises he will be able to identify by number, it is suggested the U. S. Attorney be advised as to the present location of this gun and allowed to make his own decision as to the desirability of turning it over to Gill with a view to identifying the serial number.

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In this regard you are confidentially advised the Division has on order certain special tools, the delivery of which is looked for within the next several weeks. It is possible that upon the receipt of these special tools the Division may be in a position to make further examination of the machine gun in question with a view to identifying the same.

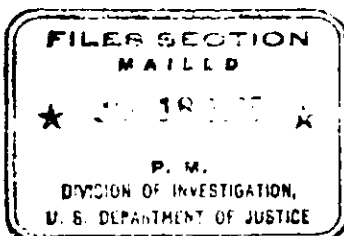
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc - Mr. Connelley, Chicago



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRIEN McMAHON.
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.
Attention: Mr. Gallagher.

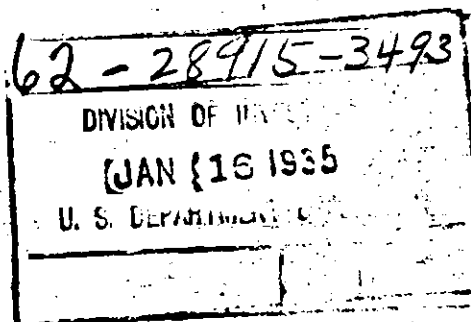
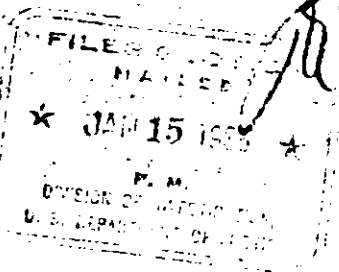
There is attached hereto another copy of a memorandum dated November 8, 1934, which I furnished the Attorney General respecting the activities of Chief Deputy U. S. Marshal A. T. McGowan. This copy is being furnished you pursuant to an oral request made of Mr. Tamm by Mr. Gallagher of your office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure No. 851725.

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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

JAN 28 1935

Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases
(Deceased), ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Further reference is made to a letter from this office dated January 11, 1935 in the above case, which contains information given by the office of the United States Attorney, at Kansas City, Missouri, as to his plans in connection with furnishing evidence to the County Prosecutor at Kansas City, Missouri for use in a murder trial of Richetti.

The statement which the United States Attorney gave to the local press appeared in newspapers of Saturday, January 12, 1935, copies of which were forwarded to the Division. Mr. Milligan advised today that he has not had any communication from the County Prosecutor, Mr. W. W. Graves, since that date. He states it is not his intention to further communicate with Graves in an effort to have him prosecute Richetti but that he will proceed with the prosecution in Federal Court if action is not taken in State Court.

It is his plan to indict Richetti in connection with a further violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in regard to the car abandoned by Richetti and Floyd at Bolivar, Missouri prior to the kidnaping of Sheriff Killingsworth. With reference to the desirability of obtaining an indictment against Richetti charging the substantive offense of procuring the escape of a Federal prisoner, Milligan is doubtful as to the desirability of obtaining such an indictment in view of the wording of the Statute, which apparently does not include attempts to procure such escape. He expects to have a Grand Jury at Kansas City on January 25, 1935. If Richetti is tried in Federal Court, Mr.

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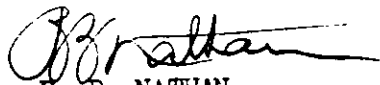
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Milligan anticipates trying him successively on the three indictments.

Any further developments in this matter will be promptly reported.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Mr. Connelly
Chicago, Illinois



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 26, 1934

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. #1194, Et Al; Conspiracy
to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

I am transmitting herewith an article appearing in the
Tulsa Tribune, Tulsa, Oklahoma, of October 24, 1934, which it
occurred to me might be of interest to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Kansas City
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TULSA TRIBUNE

OCTOBER 24, 1934

Tulsa, Oklahoma, Wednesday, October 24, 1934

There is no den in the wide world to hide a rat.
—Emerson.

DESTROY THE NESTS

"PRETTY BOY" Floyd's old stomping grounds in the hills of eastern Oklahoma got too hot for him when the United States Department of Justice moved his name up to the top of the list of public enemies, after the killing of John Dillinger. Floyd was running like a scared rat cut off from his nest when the officers caught him at an Ohio farmhouse. He had no place to go. He would have met the same fate had he returned to his old stronghold, to be hidden out by his old friends, notwithstanding their postmortem consensus that "had he stayed here at home he would have been safe."

In an editorial published on February 7, 1934, calling on the Oklahoma Peace Officers Association to organize a raid on criminal hangouts in eastern Oklahoma, The Tribune said: "The only way to get rid of rats is to destroy their nests." The raid staged on February 17 by Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas officers, supported by 500 national guardsmen, was ridiculed because only seven or eight arrests were made. But The Tribune insisted that it was a success, that the hill hoodlums who had given refuge to outlaws had been properly warned that in the future they could expect the officers to swoop down upon them without delay upon the slightest suspicion that a "hot" criminal was in their midst.

Floyd knew when he left Sallisaw at a date reported to have been as recent as last Wednesday that his old nest was no longer safe. The men of J. Edgar Hoover were on the trail. Officers from other sections of Oklahoma and adjoining states were on the lookout throughout the length and breadth of Crime Corridor. He could not have found a safe hiding place. He was the United States Department of Justice's Public Enemy No. 1. There are not enough tight-kipped hillbillies or friendly rural officers in half a dozen states to hide a Public Enemy No. 1 from the federal operatives when they are assisted by courageous conscientious state or local officers who know the area to be searched.

If Floyd had remained in eastern Oklahoma, the entire area covered in the raid of last February would have been gone over with fine-tooth-comb thoroughness. It might have been a good thing, at that. There may be some of Floyd's old friends who do not yet know that anybody who harbors a thug designated as a public enemy by the United States Department of Justice comes under the same classification. The Department of Justice has given plenty of examples as to what friends and relatives of hunted criminals may expect when they attempt to thwart justice. The Shannons who provided the Texas farmhouse hangout for the Urschel kidnapers, the Chicago physician who worked on John Dillinger and the father and wife of the kidnaper of Mrs. Stoll are notable examples. The sickly sentimentalism of local officers who say, "You can't blame them for trying to protect their own flesh and blood" will never move the Department of Justice to defense of the criminal's most valuable ally, the relative or friend who makes it possible for him to hide out between crimes.

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Eastern Oklahoma from Tulsa to the Arkansas line and from Kansas to the Kiamichis, was fairly safe territory for "Pretty Boy" Floyd and his various lieutenants for several years. When he went on a bank raid, shooting down unsuspecting citizens and officers in cold blood, as soon as he smelled danger he could usually come "back home" and find friends, or morons fascinated by the stories of his "daring" exploits or his "Robin Hood" pose, to help him hide out. Local officers depending upon the votes of said friends and morons to keep them in office were not particularly interested in taking him into custody.

Floyd and his gang and other hunted criminals who have hidden out in eastern Oklahoma in the past few years, and the pardon and parole record of Governor Murray, have given the state of Oklahoma almost as black a name as it had in "Hell on the Border" days. The Oklahoma Peace Officers Association should not let up until the criminal element is taught that Oklahoma is not a safe refuge. The impression created on the minds of newspaper readers throughout the country in an A. P. dispatch from Sallisaw, which said Floyd would have been safe if he had remained at home, should be corrected, even if it requires a popular petition to the Department of Justice to conduct an investigation for the purpose of discovering the identity of those who have harbored Floyd and other fugitives.

The myth of Floyd's kind-heartedness and courage is exploded by his obituary. He was a cowardly rat. At the time the sentimentalists were slobbering over stories of how he came to Tulsa to visit the faithful wife and the little boy whom he idolized, he was running with a woman whom he acquired by taking her husband for a ride out of Kansas City. Most of the stories playing up his alleged goodness, for the edification of moron minds, were rot.

Floyd was yellow. The bullets that put an end to his murderous career hit him in the back because he was that kind of killer. He did not dare face the brave men of Melvin H. Purvis' posse when he knew he had no chance to get them unawares. That was his specialty. The officers gave him more of a break than he ever gave one of his victims, but that still was not enough. When Floyd was wiped out by the avenging guns of the law, the last wisp of his fictitious heroism was wiped out.

Again the moral is drawn: "Crime does not pay." Every law-abiding citizen of Oklahoma who has suffered because of the immunity Floyd enjoyed in this state for so long should wish that the supplement may be written: "Friendliness with criminals does not pay."

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January 11, 1935.

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Mr. Richard Lloyd Jones,
Editor, The Tulsa Tribune,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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Dear Mr. Jones:

There has just come to my attention an editorial entitled, "Destroy the Nests", which you published in The Tribune on October 24, 1934.

Although my recognition is long delayed, I wish nevertheless to commend you upon the clear and soundly reasoned ideas presented in this editorial.

The arrest of the primary offenders should be only one step in a program of law enforcement and should be followed by a relentless tracing of everyone who helped make possible that individual's crime career. It should be as dangerous to assist or conceal a criminal as to join him in his criminal undertakings.

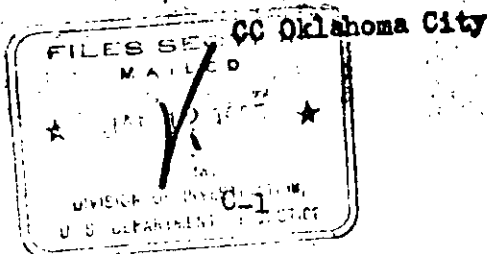
I particularly admired your thought that "Most of the stories playing upon his (Charles Arthur Floyd's) alleged goodness, for the edification of moron minds, were rot." One of the most constructive journalistic projects is that which you incorporate in this editorial, the removal of whatever heroic mask may have been given the much publicized criminal, and the merited praise for the law enforcement officials who work steadily and conscientiously for the betterment of society.

I appreciate the complimentary remarks made concerning the work of this Division, and the confidence you have indicated, but even more than this I admire your pointing out to your readers, the light in which they should view crime.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Laughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 15, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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I received a call from Mr. Gallagher in Mr. Stanley's Office. He requested that he be furnished immediately with a copy of the Division's memorandum of November 6th on A. T. McGown, former Deputy Marshal in Ohio who was dismissed as a result of the transportation of Richetti from Kansas City. I advised that this would be done.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Re: Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases
(Deceased); et al; Conspiracy to Deliver
Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in
the Division January 8, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc-Enclosure: F. Connelley - Chicago
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cc-Detroit
cc-Nashville
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Laboratory Report

January 17, 1935

Case: Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases Number: 62-28915-3444
(Deceased); et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

Specimens: One original letter written in ink on one side of one sheet of paper
and beginning, "Dear Pop We have already crossed the border****".
One envelope in which the above letter was enclosed bearing the
following address: "Mr. L. C. Ellerman Ontario, Ontario, Canada."

Examination requested by: Omaha Division Office

Date received: January 8, 1935

Examination requested: Handwriting

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

The handwriting was compared with that of Albert Leonard Pegram
subject in the case of John S. Labatt - Victim, Kidnaping and although
there are differences it would have been possible for Pegram to have
written the letter.

No identification was made with the handwriting of either of the
Robinsons in the Stoll Case. The handwriting was also not identified
with any of the fugitives whose handwriting specimens are in the
Laboratory in this case.

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Division of Investigation

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AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.E.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
(DECEASED), ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

There is transmitted herewith a print of a microscopic comparison photograph made by Merle A. Gill, local ballisticsian, which was handed to Special Agent Harold E. Andersen of this office by Assistant U.S. Attorney Randall Wilson of Kansas City today. Mr. Wilson received this photograph from Gill with the information that Gill had made an analysis of a shell case part of which is shown in the photograph which was received by him from Major L. M. Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol; that part of the photograph purports to be a likeness of a shell case fired from .45 calibre automatic pistol, and Mr. Gill informed that he received the information from Major Means that it is a specimen furnished the Highway Patrol by the Division as having been fired from .45 calibre Colt Automatic pistol, Serial No. 84,197, which pistol is said to have been recovered from the body of Charles Arthur Floyd when he was slain upon his capture by Division Agents. It was further stated to Mr. Wilson by Mr. Gill that this shell case has been positively identified by him with one of the evidence shell cases recovered at the scene of the Kansas City Massacre as having been fired from the same pistol.

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The photograph as will be seen shows a microscopic comparison of parts of two shell cases, the one in the lower portion purporting to be from the test exhibit received from the Division, and the one in the top of the photograph purporting to be a likeness of part of the evidence shell case. It will be noted, therefore, that Mr. Gill has now positively stated an identification between the shell fired from the Floyd gun and one of the shells found at the scene of the Massacre.

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The Division may retain, if it so desires, this photograph in the files, as Mr. Wilson has advised that he will later secure the copies from Mr. Gill.

The question of prosecution of Adam Richetti in State and Federal Courts was discussed by Agents Andersen and Trainor with United States Attorney Maurice M. Milligan today, and he advised that he has now issued a statement to the press to the effect that he will await the decision of the County Prosecutor W. E. Graves as to Mr. Graves' desire to prosecute Richetti on murder charges immediately. The press article will state that in the event Mr. Graves desires such action, the United States Attorney's office will fully cooperate by furnishing all available evidence for his use, and it has been stated by Mr. Milligan that he will also submit to the Prosecutor a complete brief of evidence for use in the murder trial and will expect the assistance of the Agents assigned to this case in such procedure. Pursuant to the Division's instructions, Mr. Milligan has been advised that the Division is willing, subject to his desires, to furnish any and all evidence to the Prosecutor. Mr. Milligan has, of course, on a previous occasion made an appointment with Mr. Graves for this purpose, and Mr. Graves has failed to keep the appointment. It is expected now, however, that the County Prosecutor will desire to confer with the United States Attorney, and there is a probability that the murder charges may be brought within a short time.

Mr. Milligan has stated that in view of the fact that Merle A. Gill is in possession of the original evidence of a ballistic nature, he would be compelled to use him as a witness to authenticate the exhibits in court by showing continuous possession. It was further stated by Mr. Milligan that in view of the fact that Gill has a favorable reputation as a ballisticsman in this vicinity, he will also desire to use him in that capacity. However, he is not desirous of procuring the assistance of Gill, or further developing the ballistic angles until after he has had his conference with the County Prosecutor, since it may not be necessary to try Richetti in Federal Court. In the event, however, that the County Prosecutor in discussing this matter with Mr. Milligan should desire the two pistols recovered from Floyd, Mr. Milligan has stated that he will make request on this office that they be furnished to him, and that he will in turn loan them to the Prosecutor for the murder trial. He

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also stated that the same procedure would be followed by him with respect to the machine gun and the pistol now in possession of the Kansas City office which were recovered upon the arrest of Adam Richetti.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Wilson has cautioned Mr. Gill to release no information whatever regarding his identification to the press, and he advised that Mr. Gill promised to respect his wishes.

The Division will be kept advised promptly of developments with respect to the trial of Richetti contemplated either in the State or Federal Court at Kansas City.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN *WOS*
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc-Mr. Connelley-Chicago.

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FORM NO. 1

FILE NO. 62-456

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Missouri**

REPORT MADE AT: Okla. City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/18/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/8/35	REPORT MADE BY: John B. Little
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Rose Baird, presently located in Kansas City, Missouri, believed able to supply information relative to sources of income on the part of Floyd and Richetti while hiding out in Buffalo, New York.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent John B. Little, dated November 23, 1934, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

DETAILS:

The confidential informant employed by the Oklahoma City Office at Sallisaw, Oklahoma, in connection with efforts to locate and apprehend Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and his associates, advised that at the time Rose and Juanita Baird were at Sallisaw they indicated that two other associates of Floyd's were in contact with them at Buffalo and at Kansas City, Missouri. Rose Baird, according to this informant, claims that one of these associates approached her in Kansas City and she advised him to refrain from associating with her. Juanita Baird is reported to have indicated that Floyd and Richetti were in receipt of a monthly income reported to be the sum of \$250.00, and that upon the receipt of this money all four, Floyd, Richetti and the two girls, would engage in a friendly poker game, Floyd usually receiving all the money.

DETAILS:

The Oklahoma City Office is in receipt of a letter postmarked January 4, 1935 at Kansas City, Missouri, from Rose Baird under the name of Dorothy Miller, wherein she indicates her desire to be of assistance to the Division in connection with the instant case, and that she is presently employed in a doctor's office. She did not give her address.

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From the contact the Oklahoma City Office has with these two girls, it is believed that Rose Baird will furnish information more willingly than Juanita, and in view of the information supplied by the confidential informant, it is felt that Rose and Juanita Baird refrained from implicating any individuals whose apprehension has not yet been effected because of the fear of bodily harm. It is believed that if Rose Baird is approached discreetly she may be able to furnish some information relative to the associates of Floyd who assisted him in hiding out in Buffalo, New York, and who furnished him with funds to defray his expenses in this hide-out.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

KANSAS CITY OFFICE is requested to discreetly contact Rose Baird in an effort to determine the sources of income on the part of Floyd during his hide-out in Buffalo, New York, and the name of the individuals who assisted him while so hiding out.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

POST OFFICE BOX 829
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 18, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

RE: VERNON G. MILLER with aliases
(Deceased) et al - CONSPIRACY
TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 4, 1935, concerning the possible prosecution of WILLIAM J. GRAHAM, a gambler of Reno, Nevada, on charges of harboring RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS while he was a fugitive in connection with the above entitled case.

With reference to your inquiry concerning the date Galatas was considered as being a Federal fugitive, it is noted in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, July 15, 1933, Kansas City, Missouri, that a warrant was issued for Richard Tallman Galatas, by the United States Commissioner at Kansas City, charging Galatas with violation of Section 88, Title 18, of the United States Code, in that he conspired with Frances Ince Nash, Herbert Farmer and Esther Farmer at Joplin, Missouri, on or about June 16, 1933, to violate Title 18, Section 53 of the United States Code in that they agreed to effect the liberation of Frank Nash, a Federal prisoner confined to the custody of the Attorney General of the United States, and his authorized representatives. The overt act charged against Richard Tallman Galatas is set out as follows: That at Joplin, Missouri on June 16, 1933, he assisted Mrs. Frances Ince Nash in transporting herself from the airport to the residence of Herbert A. Farmer at that place. A non est return was made on the warrant as to Richard Tallman Galatas and it would therefore appear that he was a Federal fugitive from the date of July 10, 1933.

It is believed that it is not necessary to further consider the contents of the report of Special Agent R. G. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated October 6, 1934, as being confidential, insofar as it relates to Richard Tallman Galatas and his wife Elizabeth Galatas, and in the event that an interview with William J. Graham is desirable, it is believed that the information contained in the statements of Richard and Elizabeth Galatas could be used to advantage.

Very truly yours,

R. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.
(Special Assignment)

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Missouri**

FILE NO. **26-3585**

REPORT MADE AT: Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-21-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-19-35	REPORT MADE BY: R. P. EURRUSS FILE
TITLE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases (Deceased) ADAM RICCHETTI			CHARACTER OF CASE: NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

War Dept. has no record of theft or loss of Colt .45 caliber automatic pistol, model 1911, U. S. Army No. 431585. Will circularize nine corps areas.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent R. N. Butterworth, dated 1-10-35, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

DETAILS:

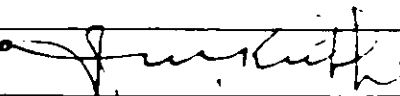

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. E. H. Kahlert, Ordnance Department, War Department, advised that his records do not contain any report indicating the theft or loss of Colt .45 caliber automatic pistol, model 1911, U. S. Army No. 431585. Mr. Kahlert will immediately circularize the nine corps areas with the view of ascertaining whether the above described pistol has been stolen.

In the event further information is received from the War Department concerning this pistol, the office of origin will be immediately notified.

DETAILS:

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY**

FILE NO. **26-4765**

REPORT MADE AT: KANSAS CITY, MO.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-17-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12-5-34 1-15-35	REPORT MADE BY: H. E. ANDERSEN
TYPE: Changed ADAM RICHETTI , aliases: Adam Richette, Adam Richard, Adam Racchetti, Adam Richardi, Edward Brennan, Ed Brennan			CHARACTER OF CASE: NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Richetti taken into Federal custody Kansas City, Missouri, 12-3-34, arraigned 12-5-34 and entered plea of not guilty both in this case and regarding indictment in the Kansas City massacre case; held in default total \$40,000.00 bond. U. S. Attorney, Kansas City, contemplates Federal prosecution on two National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charges and in Kanmo case unless County Prosecutor will bring murder charges immediately. W. H. Coen recollects towing coupe automobile for Richetti and Floyd from Ourway to Bolivar, Missouri, in June, 1933. Pontiac Coupe abandoned by Floyd and Richetti at Bolivar not listed with General Motors Acceptance Corporation, Kansas City, though information received records obtainable at Oklahoma City.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Report of Special Agent W. E. Miller, Kansas City, 6-6-34. Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, 11-23-34.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>The title of this case has been changed to delete the name of Charles Arthur Floyd therefrom in view of his death near East Liverpool, Ohio, 10-22-34, and in view of the fact that the U. S. Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri, has withdrawn and filed his case against Floyd.</p>			
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It was determined by Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan from Colonel Marvin B. Casteel of the Missouri State Highway Patrol that the murder charge which the County authorities at Columbia, Missouri, had against Richetti and on which Richetti was being held without bail, was finally developed to be unavailing. It was discovered that two other individuals, not Floyd and Richetti, had actually killed the officers on 6-14-33. These two other parties are now in custody at Columbia, Missouri. In view of that discovery Richetti was on 12-1-34 released by the Boone County authorities at Columbia, Missouri, to the Sheriff at Kansas City, Missouri, who brought Richetti to this point on a warrant charging murder in the first degree. Richetti has not however been brought before a Justice of the Peace at Kansas City on the murder, and he was turned over to the U. S. Marshal on 12-3-34 and on 12-3-34 he was brought before Federal Judge M. E. Otis on capiases issued pursuant to indictments returned in the Kansas City massacre case and the indictment charging interstate transportation of stolen Pontiac car from Bolivar, Missouri, to Kansas City, Kansas, which indictments have been heretofore reported. Richetti waived preliminary hearing and plead not guilty. His bond was on 12-3-34 set in the amount of \$20,000.00 on each charge totaling \$40,000.00. The Court stipulated that bonds to be acceptable must be approved by himself and furnished by a surety company or some other similarly solvent organization. Richetti was on 12-5-34 committed to the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri, in default of these bonds, where he still remains.

In the report of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 11-30-34, in this case, it appears that the Pontiac Coupe, motor #898716, abandoned by Floyd and Richetti at Bolivar, Missouri, the morning of 6-16-33 was and is the property of one Joe Hudiburg, who now resides at Wewoka, Oklahoma. It further appears that this car was stolen from Hudiburg's garage near Cromwell, Oklahoma, the night of 6-8-33 by two men. In connection with this car U. S. Attorney Maurice M. Milligan, Kansas City, Missouri, has advised that he will seek to have Richetti indicted during the term of the grand jury which convenes 1-28-35 at Kansas City, Missouri, charging him with a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

U. S. Attorney Maurice M. Milligan advised that he would desire primarily to have Richetti prosecuted in the State Court at Kansas City charged with first degree murder based upon his participation in the Kansas City massacre. It is believed by the U. S. Attorney that sufficient evidence is now available for a successful prosecution on that basis in view of the recent successful outcome of the conspiracy case as to the other defendants in the massacre case and further in view of the fact that there is one eye-

witness to the crime, namely Mrs. Lottie West, who will positively identify Adam Richetti in person as one of the participants of the shooting. In addition to certain other strong circumstantial evidence which can be brought forth against Richetti in a murder trial. However, Mr. Milligan has previously made an appointment with W. W. Graves, Jr., County Prosecutor at Kansas City, in order that he might discuss the release by the Federal Government of all available evidence which might be used by Mr. Graves in such a prosecution. Mr. Graves has failed to keep his appointment. Recently Mr. Milligan issued a statement to the press, subsequent to the prosecution of the others in the Kansas City massacre case, to the effect that he is now ready and willing to turn over to the County Prosecutor evidence on the murder case against Richetti. The Prosecutor has failed to make further contact with Mr. Milligan. Accordingly, it has been stated by the U. S. Attorney that he will make no further overtures to the County Prosecutor in this regard and he has so written the Attorney General at Washington, D. C. He will, according to his present intentions, indict Richetti on the additional motor theft charge charging him with transportation of the stolen Pontiac Coupe from Cromwell, Oklahoma, to Bolivar, Missouri, on or about 6-16-33. This will make three Federal charges on which Richetti may be tried, namely the two auto theft charges and the conspiracy to liberate Federal prisoner Frank Nash, involved in the Kansas City massacre case. He expects a possible total sentence in these three Federal cases, if successfully prosecuted, of about seventeen years. In this event Richetti could, of course, be later tried by a County Prosecutor at Kansas City who might see fit to do so on charges of murder, and the U. S. Attorney is preparing a trial brief on the entire case with the thought in mind that it might be usable by a Prosecutor who might try Richetti for murder.

In the first report of reference it will be noted that a lead is set out requesting investigation at the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri, to ascertain the motor number and details of the theft of Hudiburg's Pontiac Coupe. Accordingly, the writer interviewed H. H. Hayden, Assistant Manager, General Motors Acceptance Corporation, Medical Arts Building, Kansas City, Missouri, and was advised after a check had been made of the company's records that the car in question is not listed with the Kansas City office. Mr. Hayden however stated that his company at Oklahoma City would undoubtedly have the desired information.

From a perusal of this file it seems desirable to secure definite evidence of the actual recovery of the car at Bolivar, Missouri, to be testified to by a person in position to state the motor number of this car. This might be done by a representative of the General Motors

Acceptance Corporation and in the event that no such record was kept, if the representative of that company actually turned the car over to the owner, Joe Hudiburg, he might testify thereto and Hudiburg, if he could produce his registration papers showing the motor number of the car, could thereby establish the identity of same. The report from the Oklahoma City office indicated a letter from Hudiburg does not reflect what records he has in his possession or whether he still has the car. In the absence of any other identifying records it seems advisable that the car now be inspected by an Agent if it is still in the possession of Hudiburg and that it be determined whether Hudiburg was able to identify the car by marks other than the motor number when it was returned to him. It will be noted that the motor theft charges and the indictment charging conspiracy in the Kansas City massacre case are very important in view of the fact murder prosecution might not be had due to a peculiar local situation.

W. H. Coen, 4026 Olive Street, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed and stated that some time in June of 1933 he had occasion to stop at the home of his brother John A. Coen on the latter's farm located about one-eighth of a mile north of Ourway, Missouri, on highway #13. At that time he was driving a truck which was hauling a house trailer which he lived in. At about 3:45 A.M. on the morning in question some one knocked on the side of his house trailer and at his request opened the door and entered. He identified the photograph of Adam Richetti as a likeness of the individual who approached him. Richetti remarked "Our car has broken down" and asked Coen to tow the machine to Bolivar, Missouri. Coen told them he would take the mob for \$4.00 and shortly thereafter he went to the car which was parked about one-eighth of a mile away in front of a filling station operated by an individual known as "Doc" Saeger. Richetti had preceded him back to the car. Upon his arrival at the filling station Coen observed a second man whom he identified as Floyd from a photograph exhibited to him. When Coen backed his truck up for the purpose of attaching the towing rope to the damaged car, Richetti and Floyd informed him that they would attach the rope and left him under the impression that they did not want him near their car. Coen described the automobile as a coupe of a rather heavy build. During his initial conversation with Richetti, Coen said he learned from Richetti that the timing chain on Richetti's car was broken. During this conversation Coen stated that he was very close to Richetti and from his observation and association with Richetti he felt certain that Richetti had not been drinking. The car was then towed to near the city limits of Bolivar when he was signaled to stop in order that Richetti might get in his truck with him to point out the direction of the garage they desired to be hauled to. Coen did not remember the name of the garage or the exact direction taken by him in the city of Bolivar. When he arrived at the garage, at around 7:00 A.M., he was paid \$4.00 and immediately departed. Coen stated that he

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would attempt to refresh his recollection in order that if wanted as a witness he might be in a position to give more detailed information. Coen left the writer under the impression that he would make an excellent witness.

In the last paragraph on page five of the first report of reference it should be noted that Sheriff Killingsworth of Bolivar, Missouri, while held as a hostage by Floyd and Richetti on 6-16-33 in the Subjects' trip from Bolivar to Kansas City, he conversed with Floyd about the Pontiac Coupe which had been abandoned at Bolivar by them that morning. It should be noted that when Floyd was asked if the car was "hot" he remarked that Killingsworth might as well use it as it would take a long time to trace it. It should also be noted that during this conversation Richetti remarked that he would teach some fellows not to lock a man in a garage any more. In connection with the latter statement it should be noted that Joe Hudiburg, owner of the stolen Pontiac Coupe abandoned at Bolivar, wrote the Oklahoma City office to the effect that the car had been stolen from his locked garage and that it was backed through the locked doors.

Adam Richetti was interviewed by Special Agent W. F. Trainor and the writer on 11-4-34 at great length, which interview lasted several hours. At that time he refused to make any statement whatever except that he did admit having come to Kansas City with the Sheriff of Bolivar, Missouri, and some other man whom he believed to be a salesman, he, Richetti, being accompanied by Floyd on 6-16-33. He stated that they did come in a car which Floyd drove and that the car belonged to the "salesman". At that time he stated that he was intoxicated when the trip was made and that he was so intoxicated when arriving in Kansas City that he did not remember what else happened. He further stated subsequent to that that he and Floyd immediately left Kansas City upon arriving here on the night of 6-16-33 and the next thing he remembered was that Floyd let him out of a car at Texarkana, Arkansas, the next day. Richetti has been subsequently interviewed at various times and maintained an attitude of almost total silence the same as before. However, on 12-4-34 after his return to Kansas City he was interviewed by Agent Trainor, in company with Deputy Sheriff John Kelley. Richetti on that occasion made one remark which seemed material in that he was asked regarding the extent to which he was intoxicated upon his arrival in Kansas City on the night of 6-16-33 and he stated that he was certainly not intoxicated at all. This will be seen as inconsistent with his previous statement. He also stated on this latter occasion when asked whether he had been in the habit of smoking marijuana that he had very seldom ever indulged in that habit and that the only time he could recall doing so was when in Oklahoma "the night Floyd and I nicked the car." Floyd had part of a package of cigarettes containing about three cigarettes, Richetti said he showed him, telling him that these were

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marijuana cigarettes and that he smoked one on that occasion with Floyd. An effort was made to cause him to elaborate on that particular phase of the matter and he became silent and failed to do so. Subsequently on different occasions Agent Trainor and the writer have talked with Richetti in general, mostly pertaining to the Kansas City massacre case, and Richetti has said on these occasions that he was intoxicated when he and Floyd left Bolivar, Missouri, on the morning of 6-16-33 and that he remained in such a state of intoxication that he does not remember what happened all during the trip which brought him to Kansas City as he remembers having been here that night. However, Richetti has admitted to Agent Trainor and the writer that he and Floyd did abandon the Pontiac Coupe at Bolivar, Missouri, on the morning that they kidnaped Sheriff Killingsworth and brought him to Kansas City and in discussing the question of Floyd and Richetti having taken the Pontiac Sedan from Mr. Griffith near Deepwater, Missouri, en route from Bolivar to Kansas City, he has expressed complete knowledge of the trip and admitted being present on same although he made no admissions in regard to who it was who forcibly took the car from Griffith.

Walter Griffith, 315 East Ohio Street, Clinton, Missouri, owner of Pontiac Sedan, motor #P869269, appeared as a witness before the U. S. grand jury at Kansas City, Missouri, which returned an indictment against Richetti during October, 1934, in this case. While here he was further interviewed by the writer and advised that he is very positive that his car was transported by Floyd and Richetti into the State of Kansas on the trip which he and Sheriff Killingsworth of Bolivar, Missouri, were forced to make with those two individuals on 6-16-33. Griffith is a former resident of Kansas City, Missouri, and is familiar with the streets of Kansas City, Kansas, and the point at which the state line passes between the two cities. He stated that Richetti and Floyd hailed him near Deepwater, Missouri, about 10:30 A.M., 6-16-33, at which time they were driving a light colored car the make of which he did not notice. They forced him, at the point of a pistol, to stop his Pontiac Sedan which he was driving. As he paused he noticed that Sheriff Killingsworth was also present with Floyd and Richetti and at the time he did not know but what Sheriff Killingsworth was also a bandit. Floyd forced Griffith to move over from the driver's seat behind the wheel and Floyd took possession of the car driving it himself. Richetti and Killingsworth remained in the back seat and Richetti held a machine gun guarding ^{both} Sheriff Killingsworth and he, Griffith. Richetti on various occasions throughout the trip became rather rough in his treatment and boldly pushed Griffith about in the seat of the car for no apparent reason. Floyd commanded Richetti to desist in these acts. Richetti, according to Griffith, did not seem to be intoxicated and spoke in a normal fashion. At the time that Richetti and Floyd, with Killingsworth, changed from the car that they were originally

driving to the car of Griffith, he recalls that they moved a small trunk of olive drab color which was apparently quite heavy and appeared to be on the order of an Army officer's trunk. This was placed in Griffith's car. At the same time Griffith noticed that a glass container which apparently had contained liquor was dropped on the ground and was not picked up. He stated that there was no liquor of any kind or other form of stimulants in evidence on the trip and he did not see Floyd or Richetti partake of any drinking or use of drugs. He stated that it took approximately eleven hours to make the trip from the point where he was accosted near Deepwater, Missouri, to the time of arrival at the final destination in the industrial district of Kansas City, Missouri; that they proceeded by slightly used and unimproved country roads on this trip and that he recalls a stop which lasted about three hours in the rural section somewhere between Paola, Kansas, and Appleton City, Missouri, he could not definitely place that spot. He recalls that thereafter the car was driven to #71 highway which is in the west edge of Missouri, proceeding north and south, and that Floyd drove across #71 highway on to a dirt road for some distance when he turned north and they finally arrived in Kansas City, Kansas. He stated that Floyd drove back and forth on the streets in Kansas City, Kansas, as though he were looking for some one who might have had an appointment to meet him; that at least this was the belief of Griffith at the time. He stated that from Kansas City, Kansas, Floyd drove across the inter-city viaduct which connects Kansas City, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri, and that when about half way across this viaduct and at a point which is on the Missouri side, Floyd turned to the right and proceeded down a circuitous viaduct which leads into the industrial section. At the end of this viaduct he turned to the left, drove to a point on Hickory Street where he stopped the car. Floyd got out of the car there and proceeded away into the darkness on foot. He returned within about fifteen minutes and at that time commanded Killingsworth and he, Griffith, to get out of the car and to stand on the street corner near the car. This they did and Floyd and Richetti then drove the car down Hickory Street for about two blocks, first advising him before driving away that he should wait about fifteen minutes and that he and Killingsworth might then come to the car and that the lights would be on. He stated that the car was still within his vision when it stopped about two blocks to the south after having been driven there by Floyd, accompanied by Richetti, and that he saw these two men take from the Pontiac Sedan the same small trunk which they had placed in it as heretofore mentioned. He stated that he also saw a dark colored car which appeared to be a Chevrolet Sedan drive up near his car at that point and saw Floyd and Richetti transfer the trunk to the Chevrolet and that thereafter this other car immediately departed. After waiting for the appointed time he and Killingsworth then proceeded to his car, got into it and drove first to Lees Summit, Missouri,

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from which place Killingsworth phoned to his wife at Bolivar, Missouri, telling her that he had been released. He advised that Floyd had instructed Killingsworth and himself not to give any notice to any officers or to any one else for at least three-quarters of an hour after they were released and that these instructions were faithfully respected.

Walter Griffith positively identified Adam Richetti in person as the man who accompanied Floyd and who kidnaped him as heretofore mentioned. He also identified a photograph of Charles Arthur Floyd as the other individual. He could not definitely remember how Floyd and Richetti were dressed but believed that Richetti wore a cap and Floyd wore a light colored soft straw hat turned down on the sides.

Sheriff Killingsworth of Bolivar, Missouri, who has been previously interviewed, was again interviewed by the writer and he corroborated the statements of Griffith with reference to the trip in question.

It will be noted that according to Griffith, the owner of the Pontiac car above mentioned, Floyd actually took possession of the car and forced him, the owner, to surrender the control of it to him and Richetti on this trip.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Oklahoma City and Wewoka, Oklahoma, is requested to conduct the investigation suggested in paragraphs two and three on page three of this report.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit - Michigan

January 19, 1935

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with
aliases (Deceased); et al;
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division communication dated January 7, 1935, requesting that the transcript of testimony presented to the coroner at East Liverpool, Ohio, be submitted to the Division at once, also that a report be obtained showing that old wounds were apparent on the body of Floyd at the time his body was prepared for burial.

I am transmitting herewith copies of a memorandum prepared by Special Agent J. K. Collins setting out the results of his recent interview with officials at East Liverpool. It will be noted that as yet the typing of the transcript of testimony has not been completed, but that same, together with Dr. Miskall's preliminary examination showing scars and marks on Subject Floyd will be forwarded to this office within the course of the next three days. Immediately upon receipt of same here, the material will be forwarded to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Wm. Larson,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE WM. LARSON:

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with
aliases (Deceased); et al;
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

With reference to Division letter dated January 7, 1935, in the above entitled case, please be advised that under date of January 17th this Agent, while in East Liverpool, Ohio, contacted Mr. E. R. Sturgis relative to securing a copy of the transcript of testimony presented to the coroner relative to the death of Subject Floyd near Clarkson, Ohio, on October 22, 1934.

Mr. Sturgis advised Agent that the transcript of this testimony has not, as yet, been completed by his stenographer. He stated that the testimony taken was very complete, consisting of probably 25,000 words and that inasmuch as his stenographer is also working daily for three other parties, she has only been able to give her attention to this matter in her spare moments. While Agent was present, Mr. Sturgis communicated by long distance telephone with his stenographer in Lisbon, Ohio, at which time he was advised that the transcript would be completed in two days.

With reference to the old wounds apparent on the body of Floyd at the time his body was prepared for burial, Mr. Sturgis stated that to the best of his recollection, the only scar was one on Floyd's leg which seemed to indicate that a bullet had grazed his skin at one time. He did not remember any old wound apparent in the shoulder. However, he stated that Dr. Roy Costello who performed the autopsy would probably know more about this detail.

Agent, accompanied by Mr. Sturgis, interviewed Dr. Roy Costello at the City Clinic at which time Dr. Costello advised that although he had performed the autopsy together with Drs. Rich and Miskall, the preliminary survey as to the outward appearance of the body had been done by Dr. Miskall and he, himself, was not present at the time. Dr. Miskall, at the time of this interview, was at his home, recuperating from a recent illness. Dr. Costello communicated with Dr. Edward W. Miskall, by telephone, at which time the latter stated that he could not recall offhand just what old wounds were apparent on the body of Floyd at the time he examined it. However, he stated that the results of his preliminary examination had been taken down and the same transcribed by his stenographer. He was certain that the same would be in his file. His stenographer was off duty on the evening of Agent's visit. However, Dr. Miskall informed

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Dr. Costello, pursuant to Agent's request, that he would have a copy of this examination prepared by his stenographer and delivered to Mr. Sturgis.

Mr. Sturgis advised this Agent that he would obtain this copy of Dr. Miskall's preliminary examination and would forward it, together with the transcript of testimony, to the Detroit Office in the next two or three days.

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Chicago
Kansas City

J. E. COLLINS,
Special Agent.

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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith an editorial appearing
in the ~~X~~ Kansas City Kansan of January 5, 1935, commendatory of
the recent convictions obtained at Kansas City in the Union
Station massacre case. The editor of this paper is Mr. W. A.
~~X~~ Bailey.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

REB:BN

Thank the Editor.

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More Progress Against Crime

The more sensational aspects of the federal government's war on crime have come in gun battles between federal agents and fleeing criminals which have resulted in the slaying of a number of the major criminals designated as public enemies.

In Kansas City, Mo., an example has just been completed wherein the federal crime war was successfully carried thru court and suspects in the conspiracy which produced the union station plaza massacre case a year ago last summer have been convicted. That which remains for the culmination of justice is for these defendants to be sentenced and serve their terms in prison.

With the exception of the trial of Adam Richetti, held on charges of murder in connection with the massacre case, presumably this ends this, the most sensational gang outbreak to have occurred near at home, unless new facts might come to light some time implicating other persons. Verne Miller, thought to have been the one who actually fired the fatal shots, is long since dead as the result of the vengeance of his gangster contemporaries. Pretty Boy Floyd, listed as ring leader of the massacre, is dead from the gunfire of federal agents.

So passes another instance of the effectiveness of an aroused public awareness against the outrages of crime. The federal department of justice has responded to this awareness and is acquitting itself in a commendable fashion. Every other agency of the law, state and local as well as national, should show a similar response. Then the war can be won.

*Letter to
Mr. Bailey, Ed.
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January 17, 1935.

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Mr. W. A. Bailey,
Editor,
The Kansas City Kansas,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Bailey:

I have just received a copy of the editorial
entitled, "More Progress Against Crime", which you
carried in your paper on January 8th.

I am pleased to note your commendatory re-
marks concerning the effectiveness of investigations
conducted following the killings at the Union Station
in Kansas City, Missouri.

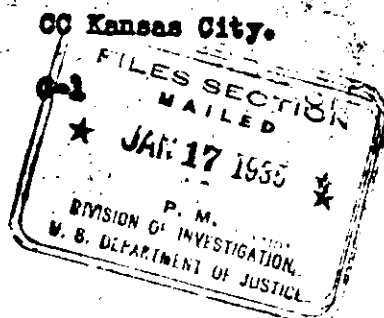
As you know, I had been deeply interested in
this investigation because of the death of Special Agent
Raymond J. Caffrey and the fact that such a bold de-
fiance of the law is the type of case which merits the
most relentless efforts on the part of law enforcement
officials.

As you state in the concluding paragraph of
your editorial, an aroused public opinion can do much
to combat lawlessness and bring to justice those who
so boldly disregard law.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. A. RORER



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December 31, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With regard to Mr. Tolson's memorandum of December 27th in connection with the statement that men have been assigned to work at Chicago for eight or nine months who have never done any investigative work or written any reports, I beg to state that I have discussed this matter with Mr. Tolson and it is my intention, unless otherwise instructed, to leave for Chicago on the Capitol Limited, Wednesday, January 2nd, arriving in Chicago on Thursday, January 3rd. I do not believe this particular work will take over one day and I will leave Chicago for Washington that same night.

Very truly yours,

H. NATHAN.

Please get report as soon as possible thereafter. Also have him check on Chase & Piquett cases. Ask Nathan to go on to K. C. & look over the Massacre case. It will end Saturday and I want to make certain we are handling it O. K.

1/2/35 J. E. H.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 629,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases, Deceased, et al.
Delivering Federal Prisoner,
Obstruction to Justice.

Dear Sir:

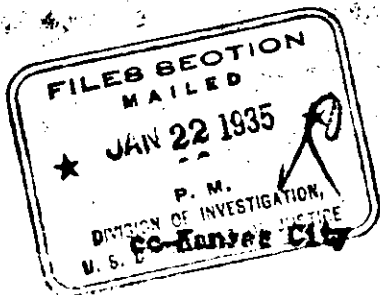
Reference is made to your personal and confidential letter dated January 7, 1935, in the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al, reporting information furnished to you by Special Agent S. K. McKee, relative to an interview had by him with Vivian Mathis at the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri.

In view of the probationary sentence imposed upon Vivian Mathis, I desire that Special Agent McKee immediately reinterview her relative to the incident referred to by her as having occurred in the Pickwick Hotel at Kansas City, Missouri, as well as the reported "leak" from Washington. I desire that these matters be given immediate attention and brought to a logical conclusion. In this connection, your attention is invited to my personal and confidential letter addressed to the Special Agent in Charge, Kansas City Office, under date of January 10, 1935.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

January 23, 1935.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of January 18, 1935, replying to communications from this office dated January 11 and 15, 1935, and concerning ballistics evidence with regard to the case entitled: Charles Arthur ("Pretty Boy") O'Floyd, with aliases, (deceased), et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

I have discussed with United States Attorney Maurice M. Milligan, and his assistant, Randall Wilson, the suggestion that the original shell reported by Gill to have been identified be submitted to the Division to determine if the Division Laboratory can confirm the findings of Gill. The United States Attorney is not of the opinion that Gill would relinquish the shell, which is in his possession, for this purpose. He has advised Gill that the two guns recovered from Floyd have been requested by him of the Division for the purpose of turning them over to Gill for necessary examination. I explained to him the Division's position in this regard, and as an alternative suggested that the Division forward by registered mail to this office, or to the United States Attorney, further test shells from each of these guns and made with ammunition similar to that of the shell casings in Gill's possession and properly marked for identification by the individual firing the shells at Washington. This suggestion was made, due to the fact that the cases which Gill has examined and from which he has been reported to have made an identification were handed to him by Major L. M. Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and there appears some question as to which of the shells turned over by Means was the one from which the identification was made. The United States Attorney is agreeable to this proposal, and it is, accordingly, requested that the Division prepare and forward the suggested additional test shells. The shell casing in Gill's possession is designated as "R E M - U M C 45 A C P", and the bullets from the shells were, according to my information, nickel coated. The United States Attorney is desirous of having this action taken at the earliest possible time, and it is, accordingly, requested that it be expedited, if the Division is agreeable to the proposal.

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With reference to the Division's suggestion that it would be desirable to have the original evidence examined by a Division expert, in order to either corroborate the finding of Gill, or to establish a disagreement with this finding, the United States Attorney appreciates the desirability of such action. However, as stated, he is not of the opinion that the original evidence could be obtained from Gill for this purpose. Merely for the consideration of the Division, in the event Gill, upon further examination of test shells, maintains that there is an identification, the United States Attorney suggests the possibility that arrangements could be made either for Gill to be furnished transportation to Washington for the purpose of taking the original exhibit to the Division's Laboratory, or that a Division expert be sent from Washington to Kansas City to examine the original here.

With regard to the machine-gun and pistol recovered from Richetti, and which are in the possession of this office, the United States Attorney has stated that it is his intention to allow Gill to make an examination of these exhibits.

For the information of the Division, I am transmitting herewith copies of a letter dated January 18, 1935, forwarded by Mr. Milligan to the Attorney General, in connection with his desire to employ the services of Gill as a ballistic expert.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge.

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Encls.

cc - Mr. Connelley - Chicago.

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Kansas City, Missouri,

January 13, 1935.

The Attorney General,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In re: Cases of Adam Richetti, and
Union Station Plaza Massacre.

One ~~Merle~~ Gill, ballistic expert of Kansas City, is in possession of all ballistic evidence found in the Union Station Plaza massacre, incident to the attempt to aid in the escape of one Frank Nash, resulting in the slaying of one agent of the Department of Justice and three other officers, together with Nash; this evidence was turned over to him by the police shortly after the massacre occurred and has remained in his possession since that date.

In the solution of said case it developed that three men were the actual participants in the killing of these officers, to wit, Vernon C. Miller, Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, and Adam Richetti. Since that time Vernon C. Miller has been killed, and recently Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd was killed by federal agents, and Adam Richetti captured and is now in the county jail pending trial for conspiracy to aid in the escape of Nash and with a violation of the Ryan Act.

✓ In the possession of Floyd and Richetti were found ✓ one machine gun and three automatic pistols upon the capture of Richetti and the killing of Floyd.

It is the desire of our office that these guns be turned over to Merle Gill with a view that he may make tests and comparisons with the ballistic evidence taken in this Station Plaza matter. From some preliminary examination he has already made relative to one of the shells found in Floyd's pistol we are of the opinion that further investigation will definitely fix the status of this gun as being used in the Station Plaza killing. We also believe it may develop that the machine gun and other pistols so found may be determined to have been

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likewise used in said massacre.

While we are of the opinion that the remaining member of the trio, Adam Richetti, should be prosecuted by the State for the actual murder, and in such event have assured the prosecuting attorney that we will turn over all the evidence in our possession to further the prosecution thereof, yet in the event that he does not desire to prosecute for murder it is our intention to prosecute him for the conspiracy and under the indictment charging violation of the Lyer Act.

We are, therefore, very desirous that the examination and tests of these guns should be made at once in an endeavor to secure further evidence to be used in the conspiracy case or in the prosecution of the murder case by the State.

In view of the peculiar situation existing we deemed it advisable to set forth the facts in detail so that the Department would understand our position in the matter relating to employing outside experts.

Mr. Gill has a very fine reputation as a ballistic expert and rendered very valuable service in the case of one Charles Gargotta, charged with having in his possession stolen automatic pistols used in a gang slaying at Kansas City, Missouri.

Formal request on Form 25B is herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

(MAURICE M. HILLIGAN)
United States Attorney.

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January 31, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 23, 1936, regarding the case entitled Charles Arthur ("Pretty Boy") Floyd, with aliases, (deceased), et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, requesting ballistics specimens from the two guns recovered from Floyd.

Specimens from the two automatic pistols, #18001 and #0-84197 are being transmitted under separate cover. In view of the fact that gun #18001 has been put out of commission, only one bullet and shell from this gun are included. This assembly is marked #118". Several of the specimens from the other gun are included, marked "C84".

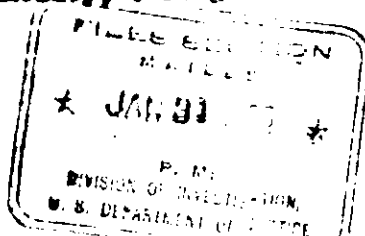
Consideration has been given the suggested examination of the original evidence by a Division Expert under the supervision of Mr. Merle Gill, but this is not deemed desirable.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Mr. Connelley, Chicago

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON D. MILLER, with aliases,
Deceased; Et Al; Conspiracy to
Deliver Escaped Federal Prisoner.

On January 21, 1935, there appeared a man at this office, giving his name as Sam Rosenfeld, 1803 North Western Avenue, Apartment 103, phone 4-7307, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He said that he has pending in the United States District Court a case against him for violation of the liquor laws. He stated that he is not seeking any favors and does not desire that we do anything for him or make any pleas in his behalf in connection with the case pending against him.

Rosenfeld informed me that he formerly was employed at the Sexton Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri as Superintendent of Service, and that for years there has been going on, on the sixth floor of this hotel, a big gambling game. This gambling game, he stated, is frequented by one Dominik Bennagio, notorious Italian character of Kansas City, and other characters of Kansas City's underworld.

Rosenfeld stated that shortly after Bennagio's return from St. Louis, Missouri, at which time he was taken into custody by Division Agents, he had occasion to overhear some conversation between Bennagio and one "Puppy Red", whose real name to Rosenfeld is unknown. He said that "Puppy Red" is the "stick man" in the gambling joint on the sixth floor of the Sexton, and is quite friendly with Bennagio. He stated that this conversation between Bennagio and "Puppy Red" related to occurrences which took place during the time that Bennagio was in custody of Division Agents; that Bennagio went on to relate how he was beaten and abused, and that the Agents were trying to obtain information from him concerning the Kansas City Massacre, but that he told them nothing. Rosenfeld said that during the conversation between these two men, he heard remarks which tended to indicate that "Puppy Red" is the person who drove the automobile out of Kansas City, containing Floyd and Richetti, following the massacre at the Union Station. He said that "Puppy Red" remarked to Bennagio that he, "Puppy Red", should leave town immediately, but that Bennagio told him that he had nothing to worry about because no one knew that he was involved in the affair in any way.

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Rosenfeld stated that "Puppy Red" is a tough individual, does a lot of drinking and frequently is armed. Rosenfeld stated that it is generally rumored that John Lanza, deceased, and his gang came into possession of a number of automatic pistols which were stolen from the Armory in Kansas City, Kansas and that he has seen, in the possession of "Puppy Red", a Colt automatic, and he has reason to believe that this automatic is one of those stolen from Kansas City, Kansas. He described "Puppy Red" as follows: Age, 32 or 33; weight, 170 lbs.; stocky build; 5' 10"; sandy red hair; that he is on the inside with the gang in Kansas City and with the Police and he is not sure whether there is any record of him at the Police Headquarters.

Rosenfeld informed me that one Lonnie Affronti, an Italian of Kansas City, who is wanted by the Government on a narcotic charge and who killed a Government witness some time ago, is a friend of this gang. He stated that it is his impression that Affronti is still wanted and that if such were the case, he believes he is in a position to confidentially obtain information as to his whereabouts, but that it will take him some time to do so as he will have to make a trip out of Oklahoma City to obtain the information.

The records of this office show that Lonnie Affronti with aliases is the Subject of Division Identification Order No. 1169, issued September 8, 1932, which reflects that this individual is wanted for violation of the Harrison Narcotic Act. Rosenfeld did not ask for any money in connection with efforts to obtain confidential information as to the location of Lonnie Affronti and I did not ask him if he wanted anything or any expenses for the reason that any investigation to be conducted in connection with this matter devolves of course upon the Bureau of Narcotics and I have furnished the information relative hereto to the Special Agent of the Bureau of Narcotics in Oklahoma City. It is suggested also that the matter be taken up with the Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Narcotics in Kansas City, Missouri, under whose supervision the Agent in Oklahoma City works.

It occurred to me during the course of my interview with this individual that he has an ax to grind, although he states that he is not asking for anything. It is my impression that probably Rosenfeld was run out of Kansas City by the gang up there and that he is furnishing this Division with this information in an effort to obtain some revenge.

It is possible that you already are in possession of this information, but if such be not the case, it occurs to me that possibly it might be

advisable to take "Puppy Red" into custody after some discreet inquiries are made, and it is probable that you may find in his possession one of the stolen guns from the Kansas City Armory.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division
Chicago (Mr. Connelley)
O.C. File #12-54

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
January 22, 1935

Mr. Nathan.....
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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue and 9th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR (PRETY BOY) FLOYD,
with aliases, Deceased, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER
Kansas City File 62-760

Reference is made to your personal and confidential letter of January 18, 1935, which relates to my letter of January 10, 1935, and a memorandum submitted by Special Agent N. O. Scott under date of December 31, 1934.

In accordance with your instructions I am setting out herein my reasons for taking no action regarding Agent Scott's memorandum at the time it was submitted. Agent Scott first verbally reported to me the incident relating to his conversation with the cashier at the Pickwick Hotel and was instructed to submit the entire details of his conversation, as recalled by him, in a memorandum. As stated in my letter of January 10, 1935, this memorandum was then carefully considered by me.

The information concerning the taking of change for the \$500.00 bill to a certain room in the Pickwick Hotel by the cashier, Mrs. Brown, appeared to me to be the only item mentioned in Agent Scott's memorandum concerning which there was any definite knowledge on the part of Mrs. Brown. It is noted that she did not advise Agent Scott that this change was taken to a room occupied by either of the defendants or by any one connected with them, nor did she indicate to Agent Scott that any one in any way connected with this case was present in the room at the time the change was taken there.

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The reference made in Agent Scott's memorandum to Mrs. Brown's understanding that a bribe had been offered to some person "not in authority" appeared to me to have no connection with the \$500.00 transaction and further impressed me as being more in the nature of gossip or rumor. My experience has been that such rumors arise often in connection with trials of important cases and that in the large majority of instances

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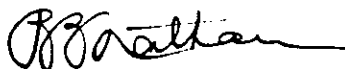
In my consideration of the matter which resulted in the decision that no action was warranted, I endeavored to recall to mind all persons having any official connection with the trial of this case who might possibly have been approached by any one with the view to offering a bribe. I could not conceive that any of such persons could possibly be approached in this manner and the possibility that the sum of \$500.00 or any portion of it would in any way influence any of such persons, appeared to me to be so remote that it would not warrant further consideration. From the nature of the case and its importance to all persons involved in it, it would seem to me that if any thought were given to the possibility of a bribe, no one would consider an offer of such a small sum.

At the time this matter arose the conspiracy case had gone to trial. The desire uppermost in my mind was that the trial should be successfully concluded to the entire satisfaction of the Division. I felt, perhaps erroneously, that any collateral inquiries made at that time might react unfavorably and jeopardize the success of the trial.

I regret that my actions in connection with this matter do not meet with the approval of the Division and hope that the explanation contained in this letter will clarify to the Division the position which I took.

With reference to the last sentence in your letter of January 18, 1935, which refers to instructions contained in your letter of January 10, 1935, it is noted that immediate inquiries were undertaken by this office and the results thereof set out in my letter of January 14, 1935. In this communication I requested the advice of the Division as to the further action desired and upon receipt of such advice will immediately take the desired action.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois
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Special Agent in Charge,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

As requested by telegram of January 22, 1935, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the petition filed in the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois concerning the seizure of one Ford V-8 coupe which car was used by Vernon C. Miller. Likewise, I am attaching photostatic copy of the order handed down by Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson, in connection with this matter, also a copy of a court order handed down by U. S. District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, in connection with the confiscation of a Ford V-8 sedan, which car was in the possession of John Hamilton.

Very truly yours,

M. E. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. J. H. Hanson,
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Very truly yours,

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REPORT MADE AT: BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-24-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-10-35	REPORT MADE BY: E.J. CHAYFITZ
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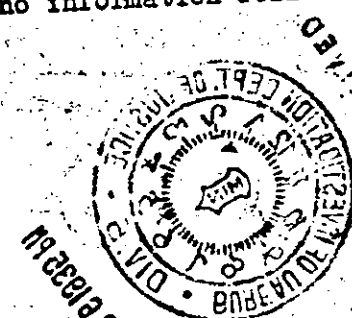
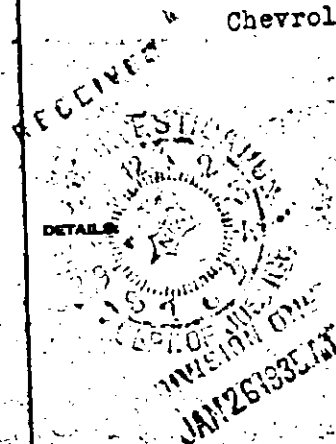
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Registries of Motor Vehicles located in the Boston district advise that they have no records relative to Chevrolet Sedan.

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REFERENCE: Letter from R. B. Nathan, Special Agent in Charge, Kansas City, Mo., dated December 15, 1934.

DETAILS: Communications were forwarded to the Registries of Motor Vehicles in the states of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine, requesting information on a 1935 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor Number 3505199, Serial Number 17074, Model IAC02.

A reply was received from the Registry of each State advising that their records contained no information relative to this Chevrolet Sedan.



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January 23, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J.W. GARDNER
GENERAL AGENT AND CHIEF CLERK:

There is transmitted voucher in the amount of \$50.00, in favor of H.A. Strickland, for a round trip in his plans from Jacksonville to Ocala, Florida, and return, together with a voucher in the amount of \$260.00, in favor of Blue Bird Air Transport, Inc., for a chartered plane for travel between Chicago and Kansas City, Missouri.

With regard to the travel in Florida, you are advised that it was performed by Special Agent J.P. Lacour upon instructions from the Division, for the purpose of transporting special firearms and ammunition that were needed during an emergency that arose during the investigation of the Bremer Kidnapping Case in that vicinity. The fastest possible means of transportation was imperative.

The transportation between Chicago and Kansas City was also of an urgent nature for which the use of a chartered plane was requisite. This travel involved both the Bremer Kidnapping Case and the so-called Kansas City Massacre, a case involving an attempted frustration of Federal justice. The plane was needed for the pursuit and transportation of dangerous Federal fugitives, and it was imperative that the Agents have at their disposal a plane which could follow any route that might be necessary under the exigencies of the case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 62-474

REPORT MADE AT: CHARLOTTE, N. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/24/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/19/34	REPORT MADE BY: T. N. STAPLETON. :MEL
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased), et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

1933 model Chevrolet sedan, motor number 3,505,199 not registered in North Carolina or South Carolina, but stop notices placed in files of both State Bureaus.

REFERENCE:

Copy of letter from Kansas City Office to Director, dated December 15, 1934.

DETAILS:

The reference letter requested that the Motor Vehicle Bureaus in the districts covered by each field office be checked to ascertain whether 1933 model Chevrolet sedan, bearing motor number 3,505,199, serial number 17,074, model IAC02, originally purchased by Vivian Mathias under the alias Vivian Page, on March 21, 1933, when she gave her address as 609 South Seventh Avenue, Maywood, Illinois, was on record.

On December 19, 1934, Special Agents J. C. Strickland, Jr., and W. H. Osborne made inquiries at the Motor Vehicle Bureaus at Columbia,

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South Carolina, and Raleigh, North Carolina, respectively, and both were advised that there was no record of the above described car being registered; however, that wanted notices would be placed in their files and the Charlotte Office notified immediately in the event an effort was made to register this car.

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NFORD BATES
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF PRISONS
WASHINGTON

January 16, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

As bearing on any possible administrative changes in the institutions of this Bureau, I should appreciate it if you would advise me as to whether in the testimony of the case just closed in Kansas City, or in your investigations leading thereto, any facts were disclosed as to the connection of Deputy Warden Morrison, or any other employee at Leavenworth, with the case of Frank Nash which would reflect on his integrity or character as an employee.

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*Memo Mr. Bates
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SANFORD BATES, DIRECTOR,
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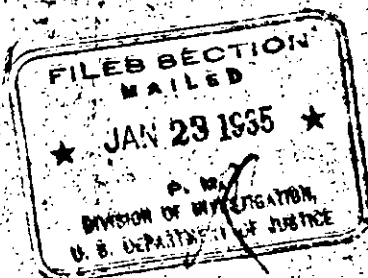
In response to your memorandum dated January 16, 1935, please be advised that no testimony was brought out during the trial of Richard Tallman Galatas, Et Al, at Kansas City, Missouri, in connection with the Kansas City Massacre case, that disclosed any connection of Deputy Warden Morrison, or any other employee of the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, with the case of Frank Nash, which would reflect on the integrity or character of that individual.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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REPORT MADE AT: Los Angeles	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-23-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-1/23-35	REPORT MADE BY: C. D. WHITE
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased), ET AL.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

WALTER E. WOODS identifies photograph of GEORGE (JEFF) RAYEN, arrested by him at Los Angeles 9-28-17, and is certain that, if given the opportunity to observe the individual, he could likewise identify him as the person he arrested. Present whereabouts of WILLIAM H. UNTER and MISS HELEN ROBERTS of Los Angeles unknown.

HDC.

REFERENCE:

Communications SAC R. B. Nathan, dated Kansas City, Mo. 12-10-34 and 1-12-35, and memo of SAC A. E. Farland, dated Kansas City, Mo. 11-28-34.

DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

MR. WALTER E. WOODS, Route 2, Box 247, Saugus, California, recently appeared at the Los Angeles Division Office, at which time the photograph of GEORGE RAYEN, alias JEFF RAYEN, was exhibited to him. In this connection, MR. WOODS had in his possession a police photograph taken of RAYEN at the time of his arrest. A comparison of photographs shows obviously that the individuals are one and the same. MR. WOODS stated that he is certain that, if given the opportunity to observe RAYEN,

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he would have no difficulty in identifying him as being the individual he arrested at Los Angeles, California, on September 28, 1917.

The photograph of RAYEN is attached to copies of this report for the Kansas City Office.

With reference to communication of S.A.C. R. B. Nathan, dated Kansas City, Missouri, December 10, 1934, directed to Special Agent in Charge, Butte, Montana, and with further reference to memo for S.A.C. R. B. Nathan, dated Kansas City, November 28, 1934, relative to one BUSTER BLAIR, said memorandum reflecting names of correspondents of that individual in 1927 as being WILLIAM H. NUTER, 942½ West 59th Place, Los Angeles, California, and MISS HELEN ROBERTS, 949½ West 59th Place, Los Angeles, the following investigation was conducted:

In the 900 block of 59th Place, the writer ascertained that there is no such address as 942½. At 949½ West 59th Place, however, the writer ascertained that the premises are owned by MR. and MRS. McDONALD who reside at 949 West 59th Place. MRS. McDONALD, upon interview, recalled distinctly that in 1927, MISS HELEN ROBERTS resided at 949½ West 59th Place, which is a small house occupying the rear of the lot on which the residence of MRS. McDONALD is located. She further advised that MISS ROBERTS resided with her sister and brother-in-law, MR. and MRS. WILLIAM NUTER (sister's first name unknown), which is unquestionably the MR. NUTER above referred to.

MRS. McDONALD further advised that the above named individuals occupied the premises until the early part of 1928, at which time they moved, leaving a forwarding address of 2051 West 86th Street, Los Angeles.

Inquiry at the above premises, however, disclosed that same have been occupied by the present occupants for the past three years, and that MISS ROBERTS and MR. NUTER are unknown to them.

Inquiry through the Post Office officials and the sub-station covering the above address disclosed that no forwarding address was left by either of the above-named individuals.

A review of the telephone and city directories of 1928 was unproductive of any information as to the present whereabouts of MISS ROBERTS or MR. NUTER.

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1216 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas.
January 24, 1935.

AIR MAIL

STJ/ML

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY"
FLOYD, with aliases (Deceased),
et al - Conspiracy to Deliver
Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a memorandum concerning the conference held by myself, SAGs Vetterli and Harvey with Commissioner of Police Reppart and Chief of Detectives T. J. Higgins at the Kansas City Police Station on Sunday morning, June 16, 1935. This memorandum covers the details of said conference to the best of my recollection.

Very truly yours,

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One T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM

CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases (Deceased), et al -
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

San Antonio, Texas.
January 24, 1935.

On June 17, 1933, the writer received telephonic instructions from the Director to proceed immediately to Kansas City to assist in the investigation concerning an attempt to liberate the Federal Prisoner Frank Nash and the killing of two City Detectives of the Kansas City Police Department, Chief of Police Reed of Mellester, Okla., Special Agent R. J. Jeffery and the prisoner Frank Nash.

Agent arrived at Kansas City, Mo. via airplane at 2:30 A.M. Sunday, June 18, 1933. After a brief conference in the Kansas City Division office participated in by SAC R. J. Vetterli and SAC R. C. Harvey the writer suggested that a conference immediately be had with Commissioner of Police Reppert and Chief of Detectives Higgins of the Kansas City Police Department. At approximately 10 A.M., the writer, SAC Vetterli and SAC Harvey proceeded to the Kansas City Police Department, where the writer was introduced to Commissioner of Police Reppert and Chief of Detectives Higgins in the office of the Chief of Detectives. At that time it was the writer's first acquaintance with Commissioner of Police Reppert and Chief of Detectives Higgins.

SAC Vetterli and SAC Harvey opened the discussion and stated that the purpose of our call was to assure the officials of the Kansas City Police Department that the Division of Investigation would cooperate 100 per cent in an attempted solution of the Union Station shooting. At that time Mr. Reppert spoke up and said, "Well, you know this is a government case, however, I assure you that the Kansas City Police Department is willing to cooperate in every way with the government in its investigation of the matter." The above quotation may not be the exact words of Mr. Reppert, however, the substance is correct. The writer was astounded at hearing such a declaration from the Commissioner of Police at Kansas City whose department had lost two of its detectives in the shooting. However, as I was a stranger in Kansas City and as both SAC Vetterli and SAC Harvey had worked with the two officials with whom we were conferring I had very little to say except that I do recall stating in the presence of both Mr. Reppert and Mr. Higgins that while the attempt to liberate Nash was a federal offense murder had been committed wherein two members of the Kansas City Police Department had been killed, and it would certainly appear to me that the primary case would be a murder case to be prosecuted by the State of Missouri. I do not recall that any answer was made by either Reppert or Higgins to this statement.

Shortly after leaving the Police Station, I remarked to SAC Vetterli and SAC Harvey that in all my experience I had never heard a more astounding

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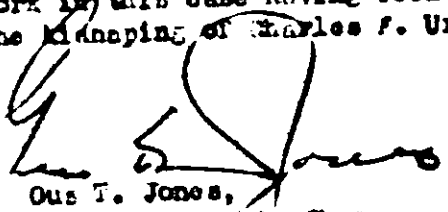
statement to be made by a Commissioner of Police, especially as he had had two of his own men murdered.

I only met Commissioner Reppert and Chief Higgins on two occasions after this meeting. One was on the occasion when I accompanied SAC Vetterli to Mr. Reppert's office in the latter part of June, 1933, at which time Mr. Reppert and Mr. Higgins were furnished confidentially with details of evidence that had been developed at that time by Special Agents of the Division. At the time it was agreed to furnish Mr. Reppert with this information, I strenuously objected feeling that Mr. Reppert had requested this information solely for the purpose of giving it to the newspapers in an attempt to show the people of Kansas City that the Police Department had made some progress in solving the case. Mr. Reppert previously had stated to SAC Vetterli if this information was furnished him the Police Department of Kansas City would clean up the case in 48 hours.

Some two days after the meeting with Mr. Reppert in which the evidence developed had been given him and the 48 hour time-limit having expired, I suggested to Special Agent in Charge Vetterli that he call Mr. Reppert over the telephone as we had heard nothing from him. SAC Vetterli called him and by appointment the writer and SAC Vetterli called upon Mr. Reppert at his office in the Police Station. Before talking to us he sent for Chief of Detectives Higgins. Mr. Reppert then called our attention to the fact that the world's championship heavyweight boxing match was to be fought that night in Madison Square Garden, New York City, and that he had information that Verne C. Miller, a suspect in the case, would be at the fight and that we if would wire our New York office to cover the fight we could apprehend him. I was so disgusted with this turn of affairs I really did not pay much attention to anything else that was said during the brief interview. So far as I am personally concerned the fact that Verne C. Miller would be at a prize fight with some 75,000 other persons in New York City was all the information I ever received from Mr. Reppert or Mr. Higgins in exchange for the confidential evidence we furnished those individuals.

Agent left Kansas City, Mo. shortly thereafter and while in Tulsa, Okla. on or about July 3 or 4, 1933, read in the Kansas City Star verbatim details of the information that we had furnished Mr. Reppert and Mr. Higgins.

On July 21, 1933, I ceased active work in this case having been assigned to assist in the investigation of the kidnapping of Charles F. Urechel at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.


Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

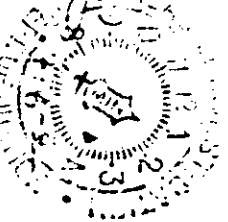
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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

N Dear Sir:

IN RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD
(DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

I am transmitting herewith copies of a letter dated January 24, 1935, from United States Attorney Maurice M. Milligan, together with copies of the enclosure mentioned therein and of my reply to Mr. Milligan.

You will recall that the guns referred to in these inquiries are those found at the home of Dominick Binaggio, 3810 Benton Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri, at the time a search was made of the premises by Agents of this office in conjunction with representatives of the Sheriff's Office in October 1934.

I have discussed this matter with Assistant United States Attorney Randall Wilson and he informed me that he expects to reply to Mr. Cannon's letter to the effect that Binaggio can probably obtain possession of the weapons by calling at this office. I am of the opinion that the weapons should be returned to Binaggio and will do so unless the Division otherwise instructs.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1616 Federal Reserve
Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

January 26, 1938

Mr. Maurice W. Milligan
United States Attorney
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 24, 1938, enclosing a copy of a letter received from Mr. John S. Cannon, attorney, 301 Gloyd Building, Kansas City, Missouri, regarding certain weapons, the property of Dominick Benaggio, 3810 Benton Boulevard.

You are advised that there are in the possession of this office the following weapons, which are probably those referred to by Mr. Cannon:

- 1 Remington Automatic 12 gauge shotgun, #326656 (sawed off barrel)
- 1 Remington Automatic 12 gauge shotgun, #324394, and case
- 1 .38 caliber Colt revolver, #247947.

It has been determined that apparently these weapons are not within the provisions of recent Federal legislation requiring registration of certain types of firearms, and I accordingly see no objection to their return to Mr. Cannon.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN S. CANNON
Attorney and Counselor at Law
Suite 301 Bloyd Building
Kansas City, Missouri
Main 0283.

January 23, 1935.

Hon. Maurice Milligan
United States District Attorney
Western District of Missouri
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Two or three months ago the Department of Investigation Agent Anderson, in company with another bureau agent, entered the home of Dominick Binaggio, 3810 Benton Boulevard, and there seized and took away with them two shotguns and a revolver, all the property of Mr. Binaggio. Evidently they did not have a search warrant, as they did not leave a copy of the search warrant in accordance with the law. Neither did they leave a receipt for this property. I am informed that they attempted to get some kind of a signature from the maid in the home at that time. The aforesaid property, as I understand it, is legitimate and legal, and there is nothing illicit about the property or its possession by Mr. Binaggio.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, I respectfully request that the aforesaid property be returned to Mr. Binaggio, and am soliciting your good offices to this end.

Thanking you for your courtesy and attention which I know you will give this request, and with expressions of highest esteem, I am

Yours, respectfully,

(Signed) John S. Cannon

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

Kansas City, Missouri
January 24, 1935

Mr. R. B. Nathan
Acting Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
1516 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Nathan:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter received at this office from John S. Cannon concerning certain firearms seized by one of your agents at the home of one Dominick Binaggio, 3810 Benton Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri.

If the facts as stated in Mr. Cannon's letter are true, will you please advise this office if there is any reason why the firearms should not be returned to the lawful owner?

In order that this office may intelligently answer Mr. Cannon's letter, it is respectfully requested that you advise us concerning this matter at an early date.

Very truly yours,

MAURICE M. MILLIGAN
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

/s/ Randall Wilson
Randall Wilson
Assistant U. S. Attorney

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February 9, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD
with aliases (Deceased); ET AL;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

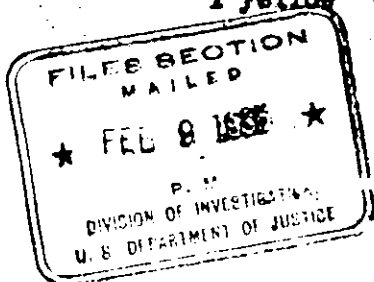
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 26, 1935 requesting the advice of the Division relative to the disposition of certain guns obtained from the home of Dominick Binaggio, 3810 Benton Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri, during the course of a search made of the premises in October, 1934.

So far as this Division is concerned there is no objection to the return of these weapons to their owner. However, you should be guided by the advice of the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



Little Rock, Arkansas,
January 21, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy"
Floyd with aliases (Deceased)
et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

For your confidential information,
there is being transmitted, herewith, letter from [redacted] addressed to
Richard Galatas, 524 East State Street, Long Beach, California,
in an unstamped envelope addressed in a similar manner both of
which were enclosed in an envelope bearing an air mail stamp,
post marked Long Beach, California, November 30, 1934, addressed
to [redacted], which was
unclaimed at that place and then, apparently, routed to the dead
letter office.

There is also being transmitted,
herewith, a letter and envelope addressed to [redacted] post
marked Hot Springs National Park, October 30, 1934, written on
stationery of [redacted]. This letter
was also routed to the dead letter office and it will be noted
that same contains various notations which, apparently, refer
to Richard T. Galatas.

The letters in question were fur-
nished this office, confidentially, by Mr. S. A. Kemp, Postmas-
ter, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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January 18, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases, Deceased, et al.
Delivering Federal Prisoner,
Obstruction to Justice.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your personal and confidential letter dated January 10, 1935, to which were attached copies of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent E. O. Scott under date of December 31, 1934, reporting that information obtained by him from an informant at the Pickwick Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, indicated the possibility of a bribe in connection with the prosecution arising out of the above entitled case.

It is noted from your letter that at the time this memorandum was submitted "it was carefully considered but seemed to have nothing in it which would warrant any inquiries being made". I can not understand the position taken by you in such an important matter as this and, therefore, desire that you make a full explanation as to why no action was taken at the time the memorandum of Special Agent Scott was submitted. Pursuant to the instructions contained in my letter dated January 10, 1935, I desire that the investigation being conducted in this matter be pressed vigorously and thoroughly by you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

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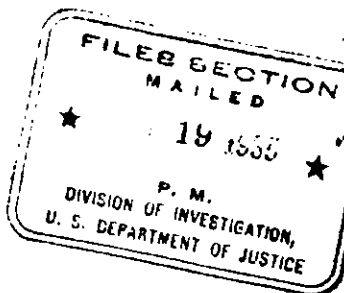
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
(deceased); et al; CONSPIRACY
TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter from the Kansas City office to the Division, dated December 10, 1934, and to Division letter, dated December 31, 1934, which relates to an alleged grievance Major Wint Smith, head of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, is said to have against certain officials of the Division.

I should like to state in the beginning of this letter that if Major Smith has a grievance against any representative of the Division, it is probably against me. The so-called grievance, if any exists, is attributable to my refusal to turn over to the Kansas State authorities Frank Delmar, an escaped convict from the Kansas penitentiary and notorious bank robber against whom charges are pending in the Western District of Oklahoma at this time. I have had no personal conversation with Smith concerning the Delmar affair, but it came to my attention through Agents O. G. Hall and Paul Hansen, who effected the apprehension of Delmar, that Smith felt that we should turn Delmar over to him and our refusal to do so piqued him considerably.

I recall distinctly that on Sunday, October 14, 1934, Special Agent in Charge Nathan, of Kansas City Office, called me with respect to the matters outlined in his letter to you of December 10, 1934. I told him that this office knew Dewey Hutchinson and the Brashears referred to in said letter, and that they were wholly unreliable. I further informed Mr. Nathan that Agents of this office were familiar with one Brown, an informant of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, and considered him unreliable. I informed Mr. Nathan that none of us here knew Metcalf, referred to in said letter, but that I would make discreet inquiries in an effort to ascertain his identity and whether he was reliable. I accordingly

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called Chief of Police Ben Bolton and Chief of Detectives John Woolsey of the Muskogee Police Department, and asked them if they knew such an individual and their replies were in the negative. I, of course, did not disclose to them the reason for the inquiry, nor did I, either directly or indirectly, suggest that any raid be made at any place in an effort to locate Metcalf. Similar inquiries were made of the Oklahoma City Police Department with the same results.

It is observed from the letter of Mr. Nathan to the Division that Major Smith is alleged to have said that a raid was made by Agents of this office at a point near Tulsa in an effort to effect the apprehension of Charles Chapman, a notorious bank robber. A raid was made at a point near Sand Springs, in which Agents of this office participated, and said raid was made pursuant to my instructions after the place had been under surveillance for some time. The raid, of course, was unsuccessful in the apprehension of Chapman or any other individual wanted by this Division or any other law enforcement agency. We were not at the time working with Major Smith or any of his representatives, and I felt then, and feel now, that we do not have to obtain the permission of Major Smith to make raids in any cases under investigation by us. Subsequent developments disclosed that Chapman had not been frequenting the place near Tulsa which was raided. There is a person by the name of Brashear in that community who bears a strong resemblance to Chapman.

Subsequent events disclosed that the so-called "hot" information with respect to Floyd's presence in Kansas City on or about October 14, 1934, was misinformation.

Special Agent John B. Little of this office informed me that on January 3, 1935, he contacted Chief of Police Bolton and Chief of Detectives Woolsey of the Muskogee Police Department by telephone and made inquiries as to whether they had made such a raid in an effort to locate one Metcalf, and both of these officers informed him that no such raid had been made.

The foregoing constitutes my knowledge of this affair, and I trust that it will be satisfactory to the Division.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Kansas City

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January 9, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMEL.

There is attached hereto a summary memorandum of the Division file relating to an alleged grievance of Major Wint Smith, head of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, against certain officials of the Division.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth.

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January 10, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Attached hereto is a memorandum concerning the alleged grievance of Major Wint Smith of the Kansas State Highway Patrol against certain officials of the Division. It will be noted that in a recent interview with Mr. Bruce Nathan at Kansas City, Major Smith stated that he had forgotten the incident upon which he predicated his grievance and desired to cooperate at all times.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM

Special Agent in Charge E. B. Nathan of the Kansas City office, by letter dated December 10, 1934, advised that he had been informed by Special Agent M. O. Scott of his office that Major Wint Smith, head of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, held a grievance against him and felt that in a recent matter he had failed to play fairly with him. According to Agent Scott, Major Smith advised that he had requested Mr. Nathan to take no action in connection with a party purported to be residing at Muskogee, Oklahoma, that would make his place of residence "hot", but that Mr. Nathan did immediately take action, which resulted in a raid being made by the Muskogee, Oklahoma police. Mr. Nathan stated the details as to this information are as follows:

On October 14, 1934 Major Smith, accompanied by one Jim Bracewell, a special officer connected with the pipe line company in Oklahoma, called at the Kansas City Division office, at which time these gentlemen advised that they had definite information that Floyd was then in Kansas City, stating that one Brown, who is employed as a special officer by the Kansas State Highway Patrol, was then in Kansas City, in company with one June Brashear and a woman named Elene Baldwin of Sapulpa, Oklahoma. They further advised that on the preceding evening Brown and Brashear saw Floyd, accompanied by an Oklahoma Outlaw named Dewey Hutchinson, at a night club in Kansas City, at which time Brashear made arrangements to meet Hutchinson on the following day. They further furnished information to the effect that Floyd and Hutchinson had recently been at Muskogee, Oklahoma, the point of contact there being the residence of an individual named Metcalf.

During the conversation Major Smith requested that no activity be taken by the Division at Muskogee, Oklahoma, inasmuch as he felt that it would be undesirable to make the spot there "hot". He also mentioned at this time that a raid had been staged recently by Agents of the Oklahoma City office at a point near Tulsa, Oklahoma in an effort to locate one Chapman, wanted as a bank robber, and that this raid had been prematurely staged. In accordance with the arrangements effected with Major Smith at this time, Special Agents Andersen and Trainor of the Kansas City office, accompanied by a Highway Patrolman named Anderson, trailed Brown and his companion at the time they proceeded to make the supposed contact with Floyd. These persons later reported to Major Smith that they had gone to the designated house. However, the Agents and Patrolman Anderson stated that Brown did not go to this house. Further inquiries made by the Kansas City office determined that there was absolutely no basis of truth in Brown's information.

Upon receipt of the information from Major Smith in regard to the spot at Muskogee, Oklahoma, Mr. Nathan called Special Agent in Charge Brantley of the Oklahoma City office for the purpose of determining the probability of the information being correct. Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley of the Oklahoma City office, by letter dated January 3, 1935, stated that, when he received the telephone call from Mr. Nathan, he advised him that his office knew Dewey Hutchinson and the Brashears and that they were wholly unreliable. He further informed Mr. Nathan that Agents of the Oklahoma City office were familiar with one Brown, who was an informant of the Kansas State Highway Patrol and considered him unreliable. As no one in the Oklahoma City office knew Metcalf, Mr. Brantley called Chief of Police Ben Bolton and Chief of Detectives John Koolsey of the Muskogee, Oklahoma Police Department, and asked if they knew such an individual, their reply being in the negative. Mr. Brantley did not disclose to these officers the reason for his inquiry nor did he directly or indirectly suggest that any raid be made at any place in an effort to locate Metcalf. No such raid was conducted by either the Oklahoma City office or by the Muskogee Police Department.

Mr. Brantley further advised that it is his belief that, if Major Smith has a grievance against any representative of the Division, it is probably against himself, the so-called grievance being attributable to his refusal to turn over to the Kansas State authorities Frank Delmar, an escaped convict from the Kansas State penitentiary and notorious bank robber against whom charges are pending in the Western District of Oklahoma. Mr. Brantley had no personal contact with Major Smith concerning the Delmar affair but it came to his attention through Agents O. G. Hall and Paul Hansen of the Oklahoma City office, who effected the apprehension of Delmar, that Major Smith felt Delmar should have been turned over to him and the Division's refusal to do so irritated him considerably.

The Director's letter to the Kansas City office, dated December 19, 1934, reflects that Major Wint Smith visited the Division during the Attorney General's Conference on Crime, at which time he indicated he bore the title of Major and added that he was Superintendent of the State Highway Patrol at Topeka, Kansas. He is listed as an attorney on the letterhead of the State Highway Commission. The Director's letter requested that the Division be informed as to Mr. Smith's exact title and also furnish any additional facts which might be of interest to the Division. No reply has been received to this letter.

Mr. Nathan, by letter dated December 20, 1934, advised that Major Smith had called at the Kansas City office on December 17, 1934 in connection with another matter, at which time Mr. Nathan had talked to him

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concerning his grievance. Major Smith stated that he had learned subsequent to his prior visit to the Kansas City office that inquiries had been made by the Oklahoma City office of the Muskogee Police Department concerning the individual named Metcalf. At this time Major Smith did not state that any raid had been made or that any other action had been taken which would eliminate his contacts at Muskogee. Mr. Nathan informed Major Smith of the action which he had taken and his reason for doing so, whereupon Major Smith stated that he had forgotten the matter and that his every desire was to cooperate with other law enforcement agencies. He also mentioned that he had had the pleasure of talking to the Director while at Washington and did not indicate that he held any grievance against the Division.

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January 28, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of January 18, 1935, in connection with the case entitled Charles Arthur Floyd with aliases (Deceased), et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

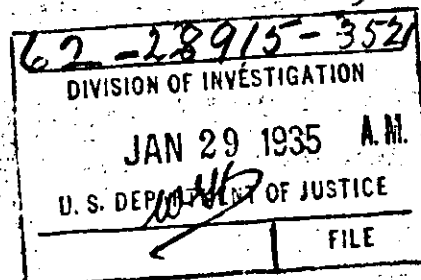
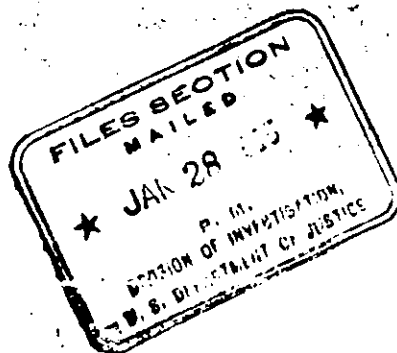
For your confidential information you are advised that the special tools mentioned in the above letter have now been received by the Division. Should you care to forward the machine gun recovered from Richetti, upon which the serial number has been obliterated, further effort can be made to identify the serial number.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 26, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Kansas City Massacre case

During the past week there have been no developments in the above matter. The pending prosecution against Eugene C. Reppert, former Director of Police at Kansas City, Missouri, and Thomas J. Higgins, Chief of Detectives, Kansas City Police Department, has not as yet been set for trial, but is scheduled to be set by the court on January 28, 1935.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
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Washington, D. C.

January 29, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In compliance with the request of Mr. Backus, I am transmitting herewith two copies each of abstracts of criminal records and descriptions as appearing in the files of the Identification Unit of John Dillinger, deceased, our file #688382, George Haller, alias Alvin Karpis, our file #199217, Harvey J. Bailey, our file #312470, George Nelson, deceased, our file #542742, John Hamilton, our file #110358, Harry L. Pierpont, deceased, our file #4268, Charles Floyd, deceased, our file #24853, Dock Barker, our file #289428, P. G. Ward, alias Fred Barker, deceased, our file #59183.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/28/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/23/35	REPORT MADE BY: J. F. Hynes
TITLE: ADAM RICCHETTI, with aliases.			CHARACTER OF CASE: National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Joe A. Hudiburg, Newoka, Oklahoma has Certificate of Title and registration evidencing his ownership of 1934 Pontiac Coupe, motor No. 898716, and when car was returned to him after recovery was able to identify same from dent on running board which has since been repaired. P. S. Bauereis on 6/19/35 examined instant automobile at Bolivar, Missouri. Howard Tindle drove it from Bolivar to Springfield, Missouri. Bauereis drove said car from Springfield, Missouri to Newoka, Oklahoma, where it was claimed by Hudiburg.

REFERENCE:

Reports of Special Agent H. E. Anderson, Kansas City, Missouri, 1/17/35 and Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 11/30/34.

DETAILS:

Agent interviewed Joe A. Hudiburg, 904 S. Okfuskee, Newoka, Oklahoma, who advised that he is the legal owner of 1933 Pontiac Coupe, motor No. 898716. He exhibited the following described certificate of registration: 1934 Registration of automobile issued by the State of Oklahoma Tax Commission covering a 1933 Pontiac Coupe, motor No. 898716, issued in the name of J. A. Hudiburg, Jr. Said certificate shows that the Oklahoma 1933 license tag number was 106-637; that the 1934 tag number is 418-239; that the title number is 1172178, and that the list price of the car was \$585.00. Said certificate also

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carries the signature of J. A. Hudiburg, Jr., sworn to on February 22, 1934, that he was the owner of said Pontiac Coupe.

Mr. Hudiburg stated that his Certificate of Title was in his safety deposit box at his bank. This certificate was not available for inspection as Hudiburg was interviewed in the evening, he having been out of town during the afternoon. He advised that at the time that the car was stolen it was being financed by the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, but that the car was now fully paid for.

Mr. Hudiburg further stated that he had never observed the motor number on the car, but that he was able to identify the car as his by a noticeable dent on the inside edge of the right running board. He stated that this dent was still there when the car was returned to him after having been stolen, but that it has since been repaired, and the dent is no longer there. He advised that after the car was recovered it was brought to Wewoka, Oklahoma by an Adjuster for the General Motors Acceptance Corporation on about the twentieth of June, 1933, and placed in the Buick Garage at 300 S. Wewoka, Wewoka, Oklahoma, operated by the Sherritt-Parker Motor Company. He stated that he did not know the name of the Adjuster who brought the car to Wewoka. He further stated that still another Adjuster, whose name he knows, but could not recall at the time of the interview, called on him at his home, and the two of them then went down to the garage and inspected the car before it was repaired. He advised that his 1933 license tag was either inside the car or in its proper position at the time that the car was returned to him.

Mr. Hudiburg and agent subsequently examined the motor number on instant car, and it was found to be the same as noted on the Registration Certificate and in the reports on this case, namely motor No. 898716.

With reference to the remark made by Richetti in the presence of Sheriff Killingsworth to the effect that "he would teach some fellows not to lock a man in a garage any more", as mentioned in the report of Special Agent H. E. Anderson, Kansas City, dated 1/17/35, page five, paragraph one, Mr. Hudiburg advised that on the evening of June 8, 1933 he had run his car into the garage, had locked the car, but had not locked the doors to the garage. He explained that the structure in which he had placed his car was a four car garage with separate doors for each car, but that there were no partitions inside so that all cars inside were accessible once an entrance had been made through any one of the four doors. He stated that on the evening in question he had some people in playing bridge, and that they left at about eleven or eleven-thirty P. M.; that he went out of the house with them, and after they

left he closed the doors to his garage and locked them; that he then went to the gymnasium for the purpose of taking a shower; that about ten minutes later he heard a noise. He investigated and found that his car had been backed through the doors of his garage. Mr. Hudiburg stated that the night was a bright moonlight night, and that although he and neighbors pursued the thieves, they never came close enough to distinguish whom they were. He advised that the lock on one of the other garage doors had been picked. Mr. Hudiburg had nothing further to add to the information contained in his letter to the Oklahoma City Division Office, as set out in the second report of reference.

Special Agent R. N. Butterworth at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, interviewed F. W. Guthrie, Oklahoma Examiner for the General Exchange Insurance Corporation, Ramsey Tower, Oklahoma City, who furnished the following information.

Mr. Guthrie allowed agent to examine his records relative to the ownership of a Pontiac Coupe by Joe Hudiburg. These records reflected the following information:

Pontiac Coupe, 1933 model, motor No. 898716, serial No. 783064, the property of Joe Hudiburg, was stolen June 8, 1933 from a garage owned by the Excelsior school district, four miles north of Cromwell, Oklahoma, and was recovered June 16, 1933 at Bolivar, Missouri. P. S. Bauereis, Adjuster for the General Exchange Insurance Corporation, Springfield, Missouri, examined this automobile on June 19, 1933 at the garage of the Bitzer Chevrolet Company, Bolivar, Missouri, and identified this automobile by the motor and serial numbers as being Joe Hudiburg's Pontiac Coupe. Bauereis wired Howard Tindle of Bolivar, Missouri on June 19, 1933 to drive the stolen Pontiac Coupe from Bolivar, Missouri to Springfield, Missouri, where the car was delivered to Bauereis by Tindle on June 21, 1933. Bauereis drove the stolen Pontiac Coupe from Springfield, Missouri to Newoka, Oklahoma, and on June 22, 1933 delivered the car to Sherritt-Parker Motor Company, Newoka, Oklahoma, where the car was repaired. M. S. Strong, Adjuster of the General Exchange Insurance Corporation, Ramsey Tower, Oklahoma City, checked the motor and serial numbers of the stolen Pontiac Coupe at the garage of Sherritt-Parker Motor Company at Newoka on September 22, 1933, and secured from Joe Hudiburg a "Loss and Damage Agreement" on this car, which Joe Hudiburg signed on June 23, 1933. The Pontiac Coupe, after being repaired by the Sherritt-Parker Motor Company, Newoka, Oklahoma, was turned over by this company to Joe Hudiburg prior to June 29, 1933 after the Sherritt-Parker Motor Company submitted invoice No. 9604 to the General Exchange Insurance Corporation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on June 29, 1933 for payment of repairs on this

Pontiac Coupe. A copy of invoice No. 9604 covering the repair bill on this automobile was secured from Mr. Guthrie, and is being retained in the Oklahoma City file in this case.

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January 24, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

I telephoned Mr. Ladd at the Chicago Office and told him that I was very much concerned over the complaints which had been coming in, even before yesterday, from the other Chicago newspapers relative to the Chicago American and the stories their reporters get the "scoops" on. I stated that the Chicago American had the wrong "scoop" yesterday; that the other Chicago papers quote me as saying that there wasn't any truth in the article in the Chicago American; and that these papers quote him, Mr. Ladd, as saying he had never heard anything about the matter, and that Bolton had not been questioned about the St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

Mr. Ladd advised me that the Chicago papers quoted him as saying that we had no statement, oral or written, from Bolton concerning the Massacre case, which was the statement he, Mr. Ladd, had made to the papers.

I inquired if Bolton had been questioned concerning the Massacre and Mr. Ladd said that he was not questioned directly because they were anxious to get other information from him; that he was only asked if he knew anything about it and he replied that he did not, that he had nothing to do with it.

I remarked that the thing which had been causing me concern for some time was the thought that there might be a "leak" somewhere in the Chicago Office; that I had this morning received some very reliable information, however, that the Chicago American has seven wire tappers who are tapping telephone wires; and that the Chicago American had had our wires tapped. I suggested to Mr. Ladd that he check on this angle immediately through some man in the Chicago Office who was efficient along that line. Mr. Ladd stated that Agent J. L. Madala was the only man they had who could handle the matter, but that he was out on an assignment with Mr. Connelley at the present time; that, however, he could get the Telephone Company to check on it for us. I stated that he could have the Telephone Company check on it first, then, and when Mr. Madala returned he was to re-check on it.

Mr. Ladd stated that he did not think that anyone in the Chicago Office was "talking" or giving out any information. I suggested [REDACTED]

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Mr. Ladd stated that he would give it another test along this same line.

I told Mr. Ladd to keep me informed as to the results, [REDACTED]

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I stated that if we caught the Chicago American wire tappers tapping our wires, it was my intention to prosecute them.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C.

January 25, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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While talking with Mr. Ladd he advised that, in response to your call yesterday, he had the telephone company check the office lines, and had been advised that there were no taps on them and no sign of a tap, the dust being still on the wires and there being no signs that it has been disturbed.

Mr. Ladd stated he is going to start circulating a story there when the first opportunity arises.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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January 25, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

With reference to your memorandum of January 24, addressed to me concerning a telephonic conversation with Mr. Ladd, relating to the possibilities that the Chicago American has tapped the telephone wires of the Chicago Division Office, I believe it would be advisable to avoid any reference to any contemplated action or suspicion of a telephone tap in talking with the Chicago Office, since this procedure will undoubtedly put the newspaper on notice if the telephones are tapped. It is probable that if they tap one of the telephones, they have tapped them all, since most of the information to which they have apparent access, if obtained as a result of a telephone tap is discussed on the confidential telephones. I believe it might be advisable when discussing this situation with anyone in the Chicago Office to have them go outside of the Chicago Office and call the Division from a pay station

In this regard, we might discuss with the Chicago Office

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then, the source of the information would be obvious.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

Your suggestion is sound.

J. E. H.

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January 19, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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During the past week there have been no
developments in the Kansas City Massacre Case.

The United States Attorney at Kansas City is
considering the furnishing of evidence de-
veloped by the Government to the local State
Prosecutor, as pertains to Adam Richetti.

Respectfully,

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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Kansas City, Missouri
January 30, 1935

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue and 9th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases,
deceased, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to recent correspondence from the Oklahoma City office to the Kansas City office relative to the possible implication in this case of an individual known as "Puppy Red", an employee of Dominick Benaggio at Kansas City, Missouri.

(7) Assistant Sheriff John Kelley of Kansas City ascertained from a confidential source that "Puppy Red" is identical with a man named Joe Palmsino, an Italian, who several years ago had extensive associations with bank robbers and is thought to have a criminal record.

Mr. Kelley has not been able to determine where Palmsino has been arrested. Inquiries are not being made directly of the Kansas City Police Department since same does not appear desirable at this time.

It is requested that the Division ascertain from the Identification Unit any record which may appear as having been forwarded from the Kansas City Police Department for a man named Joe Palmsino within the past ten years. Please furnish to this office a photograph, description and criminal record of such an individual in order that it may be determined whether such an individual is identical with "Puppy Red" in question.

Very truly yours,

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R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 12, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with
aliases, deceased, et al;
Conspiracy to Boliver Federal
Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated January 30, 1935,
regarding JOE PALMSINO, I am transmitting herewith the criminal
record and a copy of the fingerprints, showing the photograph
and descriptive data, of one Joseph Palmesano, Kansas City,
Missouri Police number 12968, who is possibly identical with
the person concerning whom you inquire.

Very truly yours,

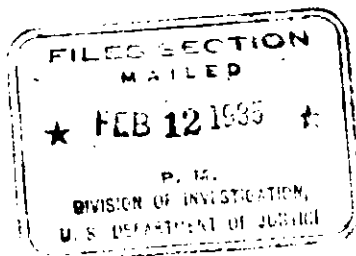
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CC - Mr. E. J. Connelley,
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U. S. Department of Justice
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February 8, 1935.

The following is an abstract of the fingerprint record of one Joseph Palmesano, with alias, on file in the Division of Investigation:

Subject as Joseph Palmesano, alias, Joe Palmesano, #12968, arrested PD, Kansas City, Missouri, June 18, 1924, charge, suspicion - stick-up; June 18, 1924, sentenced to Booneville Reformatory for 4 years.

Notation:

"#12968, PD, Kansas City, Missouri, December 8, 1932, charge, carrying concealed weapon; discharged January 8, 1933."

The following is the description of this individual appearing on print #12968, PD, Kansas City, Missouri:

Color, white; sex, male; residence, 518 East Mo. Avenue; place of birth, Kansas City, Mo.; nationality, American; age, 18 years; weight, 130 pounds; height, 5 feet, 8 1/8 inches; build, slender; complexion, medium; eyes, medium brown; hair, dark auburn.